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Attention Mrs. Mullett AB
Keep this study together.

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I deeply appreciate the sympathy of you and Mrs. Keita at this time of national sorrow.

Sincerely,

Dean Rusk

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His Excellency
Moussa Leo Keita
Ambassador of the
Republic of Mali

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HIS EXCELLENCY

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

MY WIFE AND I WISH TO EXPRESS, THROUGH YOUR STAFF, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE GREAT PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE
OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC LOSS OF ONE OF ITS OUTSTANDING SONS.

MOUSSA LEO KEITA AMBASSADOR OF MALI

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MOUSSA LEO KEITA AMBASSADEUR DU MALI

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June 14, 1968.

TO: The Secretary
 THROUGH: S/S *JPW*
 FROM: AF - Thomas H. E. Quimby *TQ*
 SUBJECT: Letter Thanking Ambassador Keita for His Message of Condolence on the Death of Senator Kennedy - ACTION MEMORANDUM

Attached is a letter for your signature (Tab A) which thanks Ambassador Keita of Mali for his condolence message on the death of Senator Kennedy (Tab B). We feel it is appropriate for you to reply to this message. According to our Embassy, the Malians took the news of Senator Kennedy's death very hard. The government-controlled party newspaper published a very harsh editorial though most other coverage was factual. President Keita sent a message to the Kennedy family, but there were no official messages to the USG. Ambassador Keita has with his telegram, we believe, tried to indicate Malian sorrow at Senator Kennedy's death to US officials.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter to Ambassador Keita (Tab A).

Attachments:

- Tab A - Letter to Ambassador Keita
- Tab B - Telegram from Ambassador Keita

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Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your
Excellency's note dated June 6, 1968 extending condolences
on behalf of your Government and yourself on the tragic death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply
appreciated. I shall, as you requested, transmit your message
to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest
consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Robert M. Sayre

His Excellency

Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa

Ambassador of Nicaragua

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~~APA-TH-TH~~ Regina Elk

The attached FYI,
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reply language.

Alan Parker
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Excellency:

On behalf of my Government and myself,
I extend our deepest condolences on the tragic
demise of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It would be highly appreciated if Your
Excellency would kindly convey our expression
of sympathy to your Government and to the family
of the deceased.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances
of my highest consideration.

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Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua

His Excellency
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The Secretary of State
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ~~XXXXXXXX~~ PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SHAZAR

1. QTE It is comforting and consoling that you and the Israeli people share the grief and shock of all Americans at the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest thanks for your sympathetic words. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Shazar.

3. Following, FYI, is text of President Shazar's message to the President:

QTE For myself and for all the people of Israel bowed by grief for the brilliant and precious life so untimely and savagely cut down I send profoundest sympathy to you and the American people and would deeply appreciate transmission to Mrs. Kennedy and the family of our sorrowful condolence in their incredible tragic loss. Zalman Shazar, President of Israel UNQTE

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June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. I have been asked to express deepest appreciation on behalf of the Secretary of State and the people of the United States for the words of sympathy which you conveyed from the Government and people of South Africa.

The knowledge that your countrymen share our distress is a source of great comfort and consolation.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H.E. Quimby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
H.L.T. Taswell,
Ambassador of South Africa,
3051 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL

1. QTE the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come ~~as a great shock to all Americans~~ as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister Eshkol.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister Eshkol's message to the President:

QTE In grief and shock I extend to you my heartfelt condolences, those of my colleagues in the Government of Israel and of my countrymen, in the American people's bereavement. That the bright and promising flame of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's life should have been so cruelly extinguished by a misguided assassin compels mankind anew to do all in his power to exorcise the evil spirit of hatred and violence upon which such deeds breed.

Levi Eshkol, Prime Minister of Israel UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

QTE Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.

3. Following, FYI, is Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary:

QTE All free men and nations stand appalled at the wicked violence that has cost a life so full of achievement and potentiality. We share the grief of the American nation at the loss of an illustrious statesman and of the stricken family on whom tragedy has fallen again. UNQTE

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Secretary of State has asked me to express his appreciation and that of the United States Government for your kind message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy of yourself and of the Portuguese Embassy staff at this time of national sorrow is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Ladd
Assistant Secretary of State
for European Affairs

The Honorable
Vasco Vieira Garcia,
Ambassador of Portugal,
Washington, D.C.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert RF. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQTE
2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.
3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary.

QTE Deeply moved by the tragic event that has plunged not only the Kennedy family, your country, and Latin America but the whole democratic world into mourning, I have the honor to convey to you my heartfelt condolences which, through you, I extend to the Government and the people of the United States. Sincerely, Gustavo Larrea Cordova UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. ~~QTE~~ QTE. Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQTE.
2. Dept. does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.
3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to Secretary. QTE. Deeply moved by the tragic death of Robert F. Kennedy, I present to your excellency, in the name of the Brazilian Government and in my own name, our most sincere condolences. Jose de Magalhaes Pinto, Minister of Foreign Affairs. UNQTE.

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1. Please pass following message to President Toure from President Johnson:

BEGIN QUOTE Your Excellency's message of condolence on the tragic occasion of the ^{death} ~~(assassination)~~ of Senator Kennedy was a source of consolation during these past difficult days. I am most grateful to you for ^{your} ~~the~~ concern and sympathy, ~~you have~~ ~~shown on this tragic occasion~~ I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the family.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

END QUOTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Toure.

End

3. FYI Following is translation of message ~~received~~ from President Toure to President Johnson: QUOTE Have learned with consternation sad news of unfortunate death Senator Robert Kennedy. To bereaved Kennedy family and to American people prematurely deprived of one of her best sons, Guinean people

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and government send their very profound condolences. Energetically condemn assassination as means of political struggle and join with you to castigate this odious crime that the entire world deplores. Highest consideration, Ahmed Sekou Toure. END ~~XXX~~ QUOTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO FIRST VICE PRESIDENT VEGA:

The Republic of Costa Rica has seen and shared
1. QTE ~~our grief at the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy.~~ UNQTE

2. QTE On behalf of all the people of the United States, I
want to tell you how much we were strengthened and consoled
in a difficult time by your distinguished President, and by
your own gracious message. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by GOCR.
4. Following, FYI, is ~~Spanish~~ text of Vice President Vega's
message to the President:

QTE En nombre de la nacion Costarricense ruego a Vuestra

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Excelencia aceptar nuestra solidaridad ante la tragedia que sufren los Estados Unidos de America por la desaparicion del ilustre Senador Robert F. Kennedy. Jorge Vega Rodriguez Primer Vicepresidente en Ejercicio de la Presidencia de la Republica. UNQTE

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Please pass following message from President to
Prime Minister Erlander:

1. QUOTE It is a consolation to know, in this
time of sadness, that our tragic loss is shared by
men of peace and good-will throughout the world. I
deeply appreciate your considerate message of condolence
Lyndon B. Johnson
on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. END QUOTE.

2. White House does not plan ~~XXX~~ release message
but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

3. FYI, following is message from Prime Minister
received by White House: QUOTE Deeply shocked by the
cruel assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I
send you in the name of the Swedish Government my feelings
of profound grief and deep sympathy. The loss of this
prominent American citizen is profoundly regretted by the
whole Swedish people. END QUOTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING GUSTAF:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On
behalf of the people of the United States, I express my
deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our
grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I
shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members
of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but
has no objection to release by King.

4. Following, FYI, is text of King Gustaf's message to
the President:

QTE Profoundly moved by the cruel and tragic death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I express my feelings of
sincere sympathy and profound grief. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ UNQTE

Gustaf Adolf
END

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO VICE PM DE CLERCQ

1. QTE I am grateful for your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. All Americans were shocked and saddened by this tragedy. It is a consolation to know that our loss is shared by our friends. UNQTE
2. QTE I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message but has no objection to release by Vice Prime Minister.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE The President has asked me to thank you and your wife for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by recipient.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to the President:

QTE My wife and I express to your Excellency our heartfelt sorrow for the tragic death of that great American, Robert F. Kennedy. Francisco Jose Guerrero UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO EXTAFF SEC SHARP:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Dept does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.

3. Following, FYI, is Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary:

QTE I wanted to send you a personal word to express my deep sympathy on the death of Senator Kennedy. He was a man of outstanding ability, who had many personal connections with Canada and his loss is a tragic blow for us all. We feel that we have lost a good friend. Mitchell Sharp UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR GENERAL:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Governor General.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Governor General's message to the President:

QTE As our hopes of yesterday for the recovery of Senator Robert F. ~~Kennedy~~ Kennedy have been shattered, we have regretfully to accept with you and your countrymen the tragic loss of one whose service to his country and contributions to its national life have been admired and will be long remembered

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful expression of sympathy over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. UNQTE
2. QTE It is comforting to know that the grief and sense of loss experienced by all Americans in recent days is shared by your countrymen. I am particularly appreciative of your designation of Lester B. Pearson, one of Canada's most distinguished citizens, ~~as your personal representative at the Senator's funeral.~~ as your personal representative at the Senator's funeral. I shall convey your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister. ✓
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE On behalf of the Government of Canada I wish to express to you our sense of shock and loss at the tragedy which you mourn. The death of one who dedicated himself so courageously to the service of his country evokes the profound sympathy of all your friends and neighbours in Canada.

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We join with you and the people of the United States in your grief
at this time. Pierre Elliott Trudeau UNQTE

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Thank you for your note of June 6, 1968 conveying Prime Minister Barrev's message of sympathy to the President following the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President has expressed his deepest appreciation for the Prime Minister's kind message which has been transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Angus Middle Dicks
Ambassador

*in
Rplst*

His Excellency
Hilton A. Vaughan
Ambassador of Barbados

Clearances:

ARA/CAR - Mr. Long *EM*

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S/S - Mr. Parker *AP*

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EMBASSY OF BARBADOS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1701 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

6th June, 1968.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that
I have this day received the following telegram
from the Prime Minister of Barbados:

"Grateful if following message of
sympathy can be transmitted to President
Johnson from Prime Minister Barrow, begins:

I was profoundly shocked on hearing
of tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
Please accept deepest condolence of my
Government and people of Barbados and
convey our sympathy to widow and family."

I accordingly am to request that you
transmit the text of the aforesaid telegram to
the President.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the
assurances of my highest consideration.

H.A. Vaughan
HILTON A. VAUGHAN
Ambassador.

His Excellency Angier Biddle Duke,
Chief of Protocol,
United States Department of State,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520.

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ACTION: BONN

Info:

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1. There follows text of condolence message on Kennedy death which Axel Springer sent President Johnson.

QTE We are all shocked by the senseless murder of Senator Robert Kennedy. More than ever these days our thoughts are with the American people, its leaders and especially the bereaved family.

Sincerely, Axel Springer UNQTE

2. Ambassador may wish to take suitable occasion to tell Springer that President appreciated his condolences, and has conveyed his message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.
END

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S/S - Mr. ~~PERCER~~ Brown

EUR/P - Mr. Olsen
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Origin: ACTION: Amembassy BONN

Info:

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LUEBKE:

QTE Dear Mr. President:

It is a great consolation to know, in this tragic time, that our loss is shared by our German friends. I deeply appreciate your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Luebke.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of President Luebke's message to the President:

QTE On the occasion of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy I convey to you, Mr. President, and to the American nation my and the German people's deepfelt sympathy. We mourn with you and the suffering Kennedy family.

We join you in the confidence that the ~~affliction~~ ~~affliction~~ imposed upon your country by this senseless act of violence will confirm the determination of the Americans to maintain their good

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traditions and the moral strength of which they have given so many proofs.

The world depends on an American nation which, strong and united, continues to contribute to maintaining freedom and securing true peace.

Heinrich Luebke
President of the Federal Republic of Germany UNQTE

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Origin

ACTION: Amembassy KABUL

Info:

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1. Please pass following message from President to King:

QUOTE:

His Majesty

Mohammad Zaher

King of Afghanistan

Kabul

Your Majesty:

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for Your Majesty's kind words of sympathy over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

All Americans have been profoundly shocked by his sudden and tragic passing. The knowledge that you and Her Majesty, Queen Homaira, share in our sorrow will help sustain us in these grievous days.

I shall transmit Your Majesties' message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE.

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Palace.

3. Following is FYI, is [REDACTED] text of King's message to President:

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NEA - Mr. Handley

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QUOTE: His Excellency Lyndon B. Johnson

President of the United States of America

White House, Washington, D.C.

Deeply grieved by the sad news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The Queen and I would like to convey to Your Excellency and through you to the bereaved family the expression of our personal heartfelt sympathies and condolences. Mohammad Zaher UNQUOTE.

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ACTION: Amembassy OTTAWA

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1. Following is English translation text of message to President from Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson, received White House June 8:

QTE Permit me to express to you, in the name of the people and the Government of Quebec, our deep sorrow over the tragic death of Senator Kennedy. I beg you to be good enough to convey our sincere condolences

to the family of the deceased. UNQTE
2. Message has been conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.
3. Unless Embassy believes acknowledgment from Washington preferable, suggest Ambassador or ConGen Quebec send appropriate response in behalf President after consulting to degree you think desirable with EXTAFF.

4. FYI. No messages received Washington from other provincial premiers.

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ACTION: AmEmbassy SAIGON

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO
VICE PRESIDENT KY:

1. QTE On behalf of the people of the United States, I express
my deep gratitude for your message of sympathy on the tragic
death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our loss has indeed been
great, and we welcome your kind thoughts in our time of grief.
Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE.

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by Vice President Ky.

3. Following, FYI, is text of Ky's message to the President:
QTE Please accept Excellency my deepest sympathy on the death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I can well appreciate what a great
loss this must be to the people of the United States of America.
UNQTE.

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ACTION: AmEmbassy SAIGON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO PRESIDENT THIEU:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that you and your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President. - END -

4. Following is text of Thieu's message to the President

QTE Mr. President, I was greatly shocked to learn

Senator Robert F. Kennedy had fallen victim of a wicked and

senseless assassination. Senator Robert Kennedy devoted all his

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ACTION: Amembassy REYKJAVIK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ASGEIRSSON

1. QUOTE All of America mourns the ^{loss} ~~relaying~~ of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Please accept my appreciation and that of my countrymen for your thoughtful words of condolence.

2. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ We ~~may~~ draw comfort from ^{the knowledge that} ~~you are not alone~~ you and your countrymen share our grief. I shall pass your message on to Mrs. Kennedy and the Senator's family ^{Lyndon B. Johnson} UNQUOTE.

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Asgeirsson.

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4. Following, FYI, is text of President Asgeirsson's message to the President:

QUOTE Please allow me Mr. President to send you personally and the people of the United States my sincerest condolences and those of the people of Iceland on the very tragic occasion of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's funeral. UNQUOTE

End

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ACTION: Amembassy ANKARA

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1. Pls. pass following message from President to Prime Minister Demirel:

QUOTE I am deeply moved by your kind message ~~expressing your sorrow~~ on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. ~~I wish to express my sympathy for all of~~

Americans are grateful for the ~~XXXXXX~~ sympathy which you and ~~the~~ Government
~~extended~~
~~of Turkey~~ have ~~XXXXXX~~ to us. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE.

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Demirel.

3. Following, FYI, is ~~text~~ of Demirel's message to the President:

QUOTE I have learned with deep sorrow of the passing this morning of distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Turkey and myself I offer you my deep and heartfelt sympathy on this grievous loss to the American Nation. Süleyman Demirel, Prime Minister of Turkey. UNQUOTE.

4. Reply to message to President from Sunay being sent by septel.

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ACTION: Amembassy ANKARA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SUNAY:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE.
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE.
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Sunay.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Sunay's message to the President:
QTE We are deeply distressed that one of the most outstanding sons of America, in the prime of life, and on the threshold of a great and dedicated service to his country became the victim of a hateful assassination. On behalf of the Turkish people and myself I offer to you and to the friendly and allied American nation my deepest sympathy and condolences. Cevdet Sunay UNQTE.
5. Reply to message to President from Demirel being sent by septel.

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Origin

ACTION: Amembassy ANKARA

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
CAGLAYANGIL

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful messages of condolence
on the tragic assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your
sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

~~UNQTE~~ Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by Foreign Minister Caglayangil.

3. Following, FYI, are texts of Caglayangil's messages to the
Secretary.

QTE It was with profound grief and sadness that I learned
today of the abominable attempt on the life of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy in California. I hasten to convey to your Excellency
my deep sympathies and express the sincere wishes of speedy
recovery for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil
UNQTE

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S/S - A *Barber*
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4. QTE It is with profound sorrow that I have ~~been~~ been informed of the tragic death this morning in Los Angeles of the distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy as a result of wounds inflicted by the treacherous act of assassination. We are deeply saddened that the friendly and allied American nation has lost such a youthful and illustrious son. We share the grief of the American people and offer our deepest sympathy. Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil UNQTE
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ACTION: Amembassy AMMAN

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SUBJECT: Kennedy Assassination

REF: AMMAN 5256

Please convey to Prime Minister Talhouni the ^{deep} appreciation of the USG for his kind words of sympathy on the occasion of the death of Senator Kennedy. You should also inform him that his message has been passed to the Kennedy family.

END

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H - Miss Folger (subs) *mmw*
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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : Amembassy KIGALI

DATE: June 17, 1968

SUBJECT: Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

REF :

The Embassy encloses for the information of the Department, and as of possible interest to the Kennedy family, the Book of Honor opened by the Embassy on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Photos in the front of the Book of Honor indicate the emplacement of the Book in the main lobby of the Embassy and the USIS display outside. The flag was, of course, flown at half staff as instructed by the President.

There are also enclosed four letters of condolence received by the Embassy with a copy of our reply.

In addition to these expressions of sympathy and condolence, many Rwandans and Europeans expressed their verbal sympathy during chance meetings and by telephone calls.

The tragedy was fully and factually reported by Radio Rwanda which also announced the opening of the Book of Honor at the Embassy.

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Enclosure:

As stated.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO BJARNI
BENEDIKTSSON

1. QUOTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for ^{your} ~~the~~ words of sympathy.
2. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:

QUOTE On the occasion of the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert Kennedy permit me to express to you Mr. President, the Government and the people of the United States of America the deepest sympathy of the Government and the people of Iceland. Bjarni Benediktsson UNQUOTE. End

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EUR/SCAN - Mr. Ingram *hls*

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Robert F.

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ACTION: AmEmbassy TRIPOLI

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ACTING PM
AL-'ABAYDI:

1. QTE I wish to express my deep appreciation for your
message of sympathy and condolence on the untimely death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message but has
no objection to release by Acting PM.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of Acting PM's message
to the President:

QTE We have learned with deepest grief and sorrow of
the great loss of Senator Robert Kennedy.

QTE Please accept in this tragic hour my profound
condolences and heartfelt sympathy. Attawqia Hamed
Alabedi, Acting Prime Minister. UNQTE. END.

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AF - Mr. Haddad

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AF/AFN:Mr. Root

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING IDRIS:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE I shall transmit your condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOL or Royal Diwan. END.

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Secretary of State has asked me to express his appreciation and that of the United States Government for your kind message of condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy of yourself and of the Portuguese Embassy staff at this time of national sorrow is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Ladd
Assistant Secretary of State
for European Affairs

The Honorable
Vasco Vieira Garcia,
Ambassador of Portugal,
Washington, D.C.

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PORTUGUESE EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1968

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Excellency:

In my name and on behalf of the Embassy staff
permit me to convey to your Government the expression
of our deepest sorrow on the tragic death of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy, which represents a great national
loss for your Country and the American people.

Respectfully yours,

Vasco Vieira Garin
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Ambassador of Portugal

The Honorable
Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Department of State

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~~R SKS/1 Mr. Baker~~

JUN 17 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On behalf of Secretary Rusk, I want to thank you for your thoughtful message of condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy which you expressed on behalf of your government and the Congolese people is deeply appreciated at this time of national sorrow.

We are all greatly saddened at this loss of one of our most inspiring and gifted leaders, but I am confident that the example which Senator Kennedy set throughout his life and the ideals for which he stood will never be forgotten.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. E. Quimby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
Cyrille Adoula,
Ambassador of the Democratic
Republic of the Congo.

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June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. E. Quimby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
Terence Mwanze,
Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi,
1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW,
Suite 1114,
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FROM : AmConsul Asmara

DATE: June 17, 1968

SUBJECT : Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF : Addis A-681 of June 12

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The Consulate General's memorial book is herewith forwarded to the Department along with letters we have received (and acknowledged) expressing condolences.

At 7 PM on June 8 a special memorial service was held at the Kagnev Station post chapel, with attendance open to the general public of Asmara.

Local reaction to political implications of the assassination closely paralleled that reported in the Embassy's A-681, although there were no hostile editorials in the Asmara press, and the attitude of educated Asmarans seemed to be more one of shock and sympathy than of bitterness.

Enclosures: Memorial Book
 Letters of condolence

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FROM : AmEmbassy, BLANTYRE

DATE: June 17, 1968.

SUBJECT : Senator Robert Kennedy

REF : Blantyre 1521

Senator Kennedy's death drew considerable attention in Malawi, with many people from all walks of life expressing their condolence personally or in writing. President BANDA, who was in Europe when the Senator died, sent a telegram of sympathy to President JOHNSON.

On June 10, a Mass in the Senator's memory was held at the Limbe Roman Catholic Cathedral (in Blantyre). A large crowd attended, including a Cabinet Minister and other prominent local figures.

Condolence books were opened for signature at the Embassy in Blantyre and at the AID office in Zomba. These books are enclosed with this airgram.

Also enclosed are the letters of condolence received by the Ambassador and the Embassy staff. The letters have been acknowledged.

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FROM : Amembassy BRIDGETOWN

DATE: June 17, 1968

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy's Death

REF :

The Embassy has received several letters, compositions, etc. from private persons lamenting the death of the late Senator Kennedy. In most cases, these persons have requested the Embassy to forward their communications to the Kennedy family.

It would be appreciated if the Embassy could be informed whether or not the Department is acting as a transmittal agent for non-official condolences sent from abroad. If such messages should be sent direct to the Kennedy family, please provide the correct mailing address. It would also be useful to know whether or not there has been an announcement or other indication that condolences to the Kennedy family will be acknowledged.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Transmitting FRG Ex-Chancellor
Erhard's Letter to the President

I enclose a letter to the President from FRG
Ex-Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, transmitted through
our Embassy in Bonn.

Benjamin H. Read
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Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Ex-Chancellor Erhard's letter
to the President

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD:

QTE DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

I WAS TOUCHED BY YOUR MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND BY YOUR HOPES FOR PEACE WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, I SHARE. KIND THOUGHTS FROM OLD FRIENDS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ON SUCH SAD OCCASIONS.

SINCERELY,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY ERHARD.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND,

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IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I RECEIVED THE PHOTO ALBUM. THE PICTURES WILL ALWAYS REMIND ME, IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE AND APPRECIATION, OF THE MANY MEETINGS AND TALKS WHICH I HAD THE PLEASURE AND HONOR OF HAVING WITH YOU.

I FULFILL A SAD DUTY WHEN I EXPRESS TO YOU, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MY CINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE CRUEL DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. MAY YOUR COUNTRY BE SPARED FROM FURTHER DISTURBANCES AND MAY YOU SUCCEED IN BRINGING ABOUT PEACE IN VIETNAM WHILE STILL IN OFFICE.

WITH DEEP RESPECT AND CORDIAL REGARDS, I AM,

YOURS TRULY,

LUDWIG ERHARD UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

INFO: Amconsul SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS

FROM : Amembassy SANTO DOMINGO

SUBJECT: Reaction to Kennedy Death Shows Critical Side

REF :

1. Local news media provided the Dominican public with very wide coverage of Senator Kennedy's assassination through wire service stories from all over the world plus locally generated reporting and commentary. Along with factual reporting this included a good measure of interpretative comments alleging social decomposition in the United States and speculation concerning possible intrigue behind the assassination. Prominent among the negative wire stories carried locally were those from AFP and EFE (Spanish) dispatches.

2. Not surprisingly such commentary found an ample number of Dominican echoers and supporters, particularly within -- but not confined to -- the political left, with many going beyond any real concern over what the assassination might ultimately imply for the United States, Latin America and the world. Reaction from communist quarters displayed the expected bias in favor of a North American apocalypse with Senator Kennedy's tragedy as evidence to that end. A Fourteenth of June (1J4) statement saw Wall Street's "criminal hand" at work. Then "The 1J4" magazine titled an article "Kennedy's Assassination Reveals the Break Up of Imperialism and Deepens its Crisis." Since the Senator, the argument went, "was not exactly representing" the "fascist way," he was eliminated. The Dominican Students Federation (FED) called the death the "denouement" of, as quoted in El Nacional, "the contradictions in the bosom of imperialism" (this last phrase appeared word for word in "The 1J4"). The Dominican Popular Movement (MPD) saw the cause as "contradictions" too, but between U.S. "monopolies."

3. The highly emotional commentary of PRD spokesmen, with heavy emphasis on the "dark forces" ("Pentagonists") behind the shooting, the decomposition of U.S. society, inevitable revolution and the

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disappearance of "the last hope of mankind for peace" has been reported separately in some detail (SD 2239, 2767 and 2778), as has PRSC Secretary General Javier's statement along similarly negative lines (SD 2739).

4. While the capital morning press comment has taken a general line expressing horror and lamenting the tragedy, even El Caribe spoke on June 5, 1968 of a need for the U.S. to examine its conscience. The next day it carried a column by José F. Pensón which reacted in extravagant terms to an assassination which "proves" a type of "collective schizophrenia" in the country whose "only salvation was represented by Robert Kennedy." Santiago's La Informacion in its June 6 edition ran two strongly critical editorials and asked, "What is happening in a country which annihilates its great presidents and liberal leaders, its Nobel Prize winners?" Seeing doubts raised on the legitimacy of an electoral process in which the principal candidate is murdered, the paper continued, "We believe that this event completely lays aside the version that these political offenses are the work of blind forces, because those who fall are only the liberals, the just and those who oppose iniquity and exploitation and demand changes and reform in the politics and business of the North American nation."

5. Leftist-nationalist El Nacional's initial editorial in its June 6 extra edition maintained a relatively moderate position. It dissented from any interpretations that the Kennedy deaths and that of Martin Luther King were products of a society whose principles are in bankruptcy but rather thought the shooting showed the work of those few who impose their selfish ends of power. A column that afternoon bearing the byline of Dominican Communist Party (PCD) spokesman Narciso ISA Conde compared troubles in the U.S. and France and asserted that the "Manifest Destiny" of the U.S. is for "much violence from the government and the fascist-like groups." ISA Conde implicitly blamed forces around President Johnson, the "principal beneficiary of the November 22, 1963 assassination in Dallas" and "priest of violence", with both tragic events. Next day El Nacional journalist Silvio HERASME Peña likened his sadness on news of Senator Kennedy's death (at "the murderous hand of backwardness and oppression") to that he felt when North American troops landed in Santo Domingo April 28, 1965. Alejandro PANIAGUA wrote in El Nacional June 9 under "'Political Assassinations" that since Kennedy's rise indicated that "the scientific control" over public opinion had been "lost by the highest political circles' artificers," crime was resorted to since the defeat of Kennedy at the polls could not be guaranteed. A column by Tomás MARTE one day later expressed fear that perhaps the "one star of hope" was "extinguished." Although sprinkled with bitter phrases, Marte's piece concluded on a note of qualified hope that the victim's principles and ideas could one day bear fruit.

6. El Nacional's parent weekly Ahora carried a particularly vicious editorial in its June 10 edition which claimed the assassin, "perhaps paid," was unaware of what he was doing, like Oswald. "Those

who know. . . are hidden in the shadows of the interests who deal out such horrendous action. They are the same who made sick U.S. society, John's assassin and King's assassin,; the same who pulverized Hiroshima, who are in Vietnam, who came to Quisqueya." The following week's issue contained ^{the} reaction of magazine's International Information Chief, Manuel TAPIA Brea, entitled "Shame!" which charged that general opinion believes "the powerful economic interests of the Yankee monopoly somehow support . . . a 'mafia of assassins.'" Claiming that Senator Kennedy had indicated "he would take the first step toward the socialization of the North American economy," Tapia then asked if Juan Bosch's "Pentagonism" thesis -- alleging a "sick society" in the U.S. -- were not being fulfilled.

7. The moderate constitutionalist weekly "Renovación" ran an article by Florangel CARDENAS in its June 17 issue which saw a "boomerang" effect with the "violence and arbitrariness" of U.S. foreign policy now being visited on the nation itself. "The core of the present U.S. difficulties," she alleged, "is in the asphyxiating attitude of the North American 'circles of power.'"

8. The local Jordanian Consul came up with his own negative interpretation, telling the press he saw the assassination as a plot with Zionists, not Arabs, responsible. He claimed the \$400 found on Sirhan indicated he was a hired killer.

9. One minor demonstration stemming from the assassination of Senator Kennedy was reported to have occurred when about a dozen Ayuntamiento workers staged a short meeting near the office of the Embassy's Consular Section in Santo Domingo after police warned them away from the flagpole area. Their original intent was reported to have been to physically lower to half staff the US flag there, which, of course, upon arrival they found already so displayed.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRINCE RAINIER:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prince Rainier.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prince Rainier's message to the President:

QTE It is with great sadness that the Princess and I learned of Senator Kennedy's assassination. We wish to assure your Excellency of our deepest sympathy and the part we take in the sorrow of all those who, like Senator Kennedy, love peace and freedom and the welfare of mankind. Rainier Prince of Monaco. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO DEBRE:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Debre.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Debre's message to the Secretary.

QTE Deeply moved by the announcement of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's tragic death, I wish, Mr. Secretary, to extend to yourself and to the American Government, in my own name and on behalf of the French Government, my heartfelt condolences.

QTE Once more, France takes part in the deep sorrow that a cruel fate imposes upon your country.

QTE On this afflicting circumstance, please accept, Mr. Secretary, together with my deepest sympathy, the assurance of my highest consideration. Michel Debre UNQTE.

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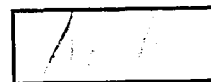
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Muy estimado señor Rusk :

Fue grande mi complacencia al encontrarle nuevamente en su admirable país, que nos brindó tan cálida y gentil acogida y en donde estuvimos tan bien atendidos y agasajados. La dolorosa muerte del Senador Kennedy hubo de llevar muy hondo pesar a nuestro corazón durante nuestra permanencia en Washington. Esta coincidencia trágica nos permitió, sin embargo, compartir muy de cerca la amargura del pueblo y del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos.

El objeto de estas líneas es rogarle aceptar los sentimientos de nuestro agradecimiento profundo por las esmeradas atenciones de que fuimos objeto el Señor Presidente de la República, la Señora de Trejos Fernández y quienes integramos la Comitiva para la visita a los Estados Unidos debida a la muy gentil invitación del Señor Presidente Johnson. Quisiera pedirle que le hiciera

A Su Excelencia el Señor Dean Rusk,
Secretario de Estados de los Estados Unidos.
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llegar una vez más nuestro reconocimiento, y decirle que no olvidaremos su deferente trato y los esfuerzos de todos los que a su alrededor contribuyeron a hacer de nuestro viaje a ese país un acontecimiento muy señalado y honroso para todos los costarricenses. Sus resultados han sido ampliamente satisfactorios y la visita constituyó la confirmación de la estrecha amistad que une a nuestros dos países y gobiernos, basada en el digno respeto mutuo y en la reiteración de los comunes ideales que perseguimos por un mundo mejor, más libre, más justo, más humano.

Al reiterarle personalmente mi gratitud, le envío un saludo cordialmente afectuoso con mis mejores deseos por el bien de usted y de los suyos.

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Fernando Lara Bustamante
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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San José, June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Rusk:

It was a great pleasure to meet you once more in your great country, where we were so warmly welcomed and so courteously treated and entertained. The death of Senator Kennedy plunged us into the most profound grief during our stay in Washington. This tragic coincidence, however, permitted us to share very closely the mourning of the people and the Government of the United States.

The purpose of these lines is to convey to you the assurances of our heartfelt gratitude for the assiduous attentions bestowed upon the President of the Republic, Mrs. Trejos Fernández, and those of us who made up their party during the visit to the United States in response to President Johnson's kind invitation. I should like to request you once more to express to him our thanks, and to tell him that we shall not forget his gracious treatment and the efforts of all those around him who helped to make our journey to your country an important event and an honor for

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His Excellency
Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

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all Costa Ricans. The results of the visit have been amply satisfactory, and it confirmed the close friendship which joins our two countries and Governments, based on mutual respect and on reaffirmation of the common ideals we pursue for a better, freer, more just, and more humane world.

With the assurances of my personal gratitude and with all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

[Signed] Fernando Lara

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ALLEY:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE.
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GRD.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Alley's message to the President:
=QTE I wish to express to your excellency and to the grieving family my sincere sympathy on the occasion of the death of Robert Kennedy. The people of Dahomey join in the mourning of the American people for the Senator from New York, who was so cruelly taken from them. Please accept the expression of my most sincere condolence. Lieutenant Colonel Alphonse Alley UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE
2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic attack which resulted in the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely,
Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary.

QTE Deeply moved by the attack against Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I convey to you my most sincere wishes for a prompt recovery. I renew to your excellency the assurances of my most distinguished consideration. Tomas Guillermo Elio, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE^o FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY.

1. QUOTE. Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy ~~xx~~ at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQUOTE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT AHIDJO:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express to you, your Government and the Cameroonian people my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.
2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GFRC.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Ahidjo's message to the President:

QTE. We have been deeply shaken by the news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy following an attack on his person. In these tragic and sorrowful moments, the Cameroonian people, my Government, and I myself ask you to accept and to convey to the stricken family the expression of our deepest condolence. High consideration. Ahmadou Ahidjo, President of the Federal Republic of Cameroon. UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

FROM : American Interests Section (Cairo) DATE: June 15, 1968

SUBJECT : Kennedy Memorial Service

REF :

The death and burial of the late Senator Kennedy were commemorated in Cairo at a memorial mass held at St. Joseph's Church, Zamalek, on May 8, 1968. The special mass was conducted by the Papal Nuncio in the UAR and attended by Egyptians, members of the diplomatic corps, and other foreign residents of Cairo. Special memory was also paid at the May 9 service of the Maadi Community Church, which has a largely American congregation. Minister Donald Bergus read the President's proclamation at the service.

A book for condolences was opened at the U.S. Interests Section on the day of the Senator's death, and remained open until the day after the burial. The book is enclosed for composition of a suitable title page in the Department and transmittal to the Kennedy family.

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Enclosure: Condolence Book

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ACTION: AmEmbassy BOGOTA

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO MINISTER ZEA
of condolence on the tragic attack
1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message ~~which resulted in the~~ ~~death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.~~ ~~Your sympathy at~~
which resulted in the
death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at
this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. ~~UNQTE~~

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Minister Zea.
3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary.

QTE In the name of the Colombian Government and people, I express to your excellency our deep regret for the despicable outrage of which Senator Robert Kennedy was the victim and at the same time our most sincere wishes for his full recovery. UNQTE

QTE Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. German Zea, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia UNQTE

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ARA-LA/NC/C:JFMcfarland /6-13/68

Tel. Ext.

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Telegraphic transmission and

classification approved by: ARA-LA/NC:John Calvin Hill

Clearances:

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ARA:Regina Eltz

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ACTION: Amembassy PANAMA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ROBLES:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not rpt not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Robles.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of Robles message to the President: QTE The North American people have lost one of their pillars with the violent passing of Senator Robert Kennedy, paladin of democracy, whose image will remain unforgettable in the minds and hearts of all the free men in the world. Through

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Tel. Ext. 4863

Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: ARA/PAN:Frederick D. Sharp III

Clearances:

ARA - Miss Eltz Rmg
S/S - Parker ap

WH: Mr Bowdler ap.

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you I will express to the United States Government and people the sorrow felt by all Panamanians and my personal sympathy for the loss of one who was called to give his support to the incessant search for peace and progress for humanity. UNQTE

5. Robles also sent message in Spanish following shooting. Text, which received White House on June 5, as follows: QTE Honda consternacion me causo el alevoso atentado a la persona del distinguido Senador Robert Kennedy, autentico defensor de las libertades humanas y verdadero exponente del sentimiento norteamericano. Por vuestro digno conducto expreso al gobierno y pueblo norteamericano el repudio de los panamenos por acto tan vil y ruego al Todopoderoso la salvacion del honorable ciudadano Kennedy. UNQTE

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ACTION: Amembassy PANAMA

Info:

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1. Following is text message sent to President Johnson by Arnulfo Arias on death of Senator Kennedy: QTE Profundamente condolidos y horrorizados por la tragica muerte del Senador Robert F. Kennedy, hacemos llegar a Vuestra Excellencia y por su digno conducto al pueblo de los Estados Unidos nuestra expresion de duelo por la irreparable perdida que ha sufrido el genero humano.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias

Presidente-Electo de la

Republica de Panama UNQTE

2. Because of sensitive post-electoral period, believe acknowledgement should be made from Ambassador to Dr. Arias rather than via ~~MESSAGE~~ message from President Johnson, as is being done in case of similar message received from President Robles. If you perceive no objection, you should send following acknowledgement to Arias:

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Tel. Ext.

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Telegraphic transmission and

classification approved by:

ARA-Robert M. Sayre

Clearances:

ARA - Miss Eltz
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QTE Dear Dr. Arias:

President Johnson has asked that I express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your message will be transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. UNQTE

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UNCLAS GABERONES 406

REF: GABERONES 388

1. OFFICIAL REACTION ASSASSINATION SENATOR KENNEDY CONVEYED IN TWO MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT KHAMA TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.
2. LOCAL POPULAR REACTION ONE OF BEWILDERMENT AND DISTRESS EPITOMIZED BY FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN EMBASSY'S CONDOLENCE BOOK: "IS IT DANGEROUS TO BE GOOD?" "ALL THOSE WHO SPEAK TO FREE THE BLACK NATIONS WILL DIE", "SORRY, SORRY", "DEEPLY GRIED TO THE VERY CORE".
3. MEMORIAL MASS HELD AT GABERONES CATHEDRAL CHRIST THE KING EVENING JUNE 7 ATTENDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE. BISHOP MURPHY EULOGIZED SENATOR. CATHOLIC MISSIONS ALSO HELD MASSES.

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4. RADIO BOTSWANA PUT ON EXCELLENT HOUR LONG MEMORIAL PROGRAM JUNE 7 CONSISTING OF TAPED SHORTWAVE MESSAGES PRESIDENT JOHNSON OTHER LEADERS, LONG EXCERPTS FROM RECORDED KENNEDY SOUTH AFRICA SPEECHES.
5. PEOPLE STILL COMING OCCASIONALLY TO SIGN EMBASSY CONDOLENCE BOOK WHICH WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO KENNEDY FAMILY.

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6. POPULAR KNOWLEDGE OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND REACTION TO ASSASSINATION SURPRISING IN VOLUME AND DEPTH AS BOTSWANA'S ONLY NEWSPAPER IS GOB MIMEOGRAPHED SHEET CARRYING LITTLE OTHER THAN LOCAL NEWS AND NUMBER OF RADIOS LIMITED.

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ACTION: Amembassy, COPENHAGEN

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER HARTLING:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of
condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow
is deeply appreciated. UNQTE
2. Department does not plan to release message, but
has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.

END

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Drafted by:

EUR/SCAN:EKlebenov:ac

Tel. Ext.

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Telegraphic transmission and

classification approved by: EUR/SCAN - George M. Ingram

Clearances:

S/S - Mr. Parker

EUR - Mr. Beaudin

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ACTION: Amconsul NASSAU

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1. Please pass following message to Governor from Secretary:

"Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. I shall, as Mrs. Kennedy and members of you request, transmit your message to the Senator's family."

2. Department does not plan to release message but has no objection to release by Governor.

End.

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classification approved by: EUR/BMI:MDGoldstein

Clearances:

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S/S - Mrs. Davis

EUR - Mr. Beaudry

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ACTION: Amembassy BRUSSELS

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO VICE PRESIDENT BARRE

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Vice President Barre.

3. Following, FYI, is Vice President Barre's message to the Secretary. QTE I am profoundly aggrieved over the events which have so unhappily taken place during my brief visit to the United States. With my fellow Europeans, I share deep sympathy for the leaders and the people of the United States for the tragic loss of a splendid and dedicated American, Robert F. Kennedy. Yours truly, Raymond Barre UNQTE

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Telegraphic transmission and

classification approved by:

EUR - GSSpringsteen

Clearances:

S/S - AParker

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ACTION: Amembassy Office KARACHI

Info:

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO Z. A. BHUTTO:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. ~~YOUR MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED~~

~~THIS MESSAGE OF NATIONAL CONCERN IS BEING APPROPRIATELY~~

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Mr. Bhutto.

3. Following, FYI, is Mr. Bhutto's message to the Secretary.

QTE Appalled at the gruesome tragedy that has afflicted your country by the assassination of youthful Mr. Kennedy. Everywhere people will mourn everywhere America's grief will be shared. Lost for words to express sorrow to the Senator's family whom fate has blessed and beaten beyond limits of human endurance. Zulfikar Ali

Bhutto UNQTE

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Tel. Ext. 5259

Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by:

NEA/PAF - Francis C. Prescott

Clearances:

S/S - Mr. Parker

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June 14, 1968

Sir:

I have received with thanks your note of June 7, 1968,
containing a communication to the President of the United
States from His Excellency Raul Leoni, President of Venezuela,
expressing condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

His Excellency's kind message has been transmitted to the
President.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Robert M. Sayre

The Honorable

Dr. Carlos Pérez de la Cova,

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
of Venezuela.

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EMBAJADA DE VENEZUELA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 1300-E1

7 de junio de 1968.

Señor Secretario de Estado:

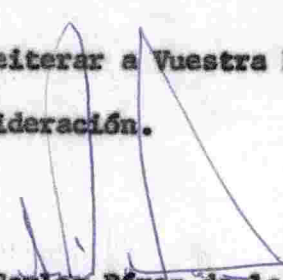
Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia en la oportunidad de rogarle tenga a bien hacer llegar el texto del mensaje que se transcribe a continuación a su alto destinatario:

"Caracas, 6 de junio de 1968.

Excelentísimo Señor Lyndon B. Johnson
Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América
Washington, D.C.

Profundamente conmovido ante la trágica desaparición del Senador Robert F. Kennedy, envío al noble pueblo norteamericano y al Gobierno que preside Vuestra Excelencia las más sentidas expresiones de condolencia en nombre del pueblo y Gobierno de Venezuela y en el mío propio. RAUL LEONI, Presidente de la República de Venezuela".

Válgome de la oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi más alta consideración.


Carlos Pérez de la Cova
Encargado de Negocios a.i.

Al Excelentísimo Señor
Dean Rusk
Secretario de Estado
Washington, D.C.

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No. 1300-E1

June 7, 1968.

Excellency:

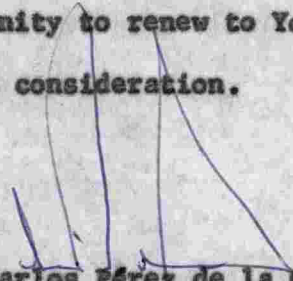
I have the honor to request the good offices of
Your Excellency to transmit the following message to His
Excellency The President of the United States:

"Caracas, June 6, 1968.

His Excellency Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Deeply moved by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy,
I wish to convey to the noble people of the United States and
to Your Excellency's Government the heartfelt expressions of
condolence of the people and Government of Venezuela, as well
as my own. RAUL LEONI, President of the Republic of Venezuela".

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your
Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.


Carlos Pérez de la Cova
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

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His Excellency
DEAN RUSK
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3708
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REF: STATE 182229

1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT HUSAIN HAND DELIVERED 1030 LOCAL TIME THIS MORNING TO INDIAN EMBASSY.
2. WILL BE SENT LATER TODAY BY POUCH TO BRIONI WHERE HUSAIN HAS BEEN HOLDING TALKS WITH TITO.

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ACTION: Amembassy OSLO

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER LYG

1. QUOTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of
condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply
appreciated.

2. I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs.
Kennedy. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQUOTE

3. Department does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by Foreign Minister Lyng.

End

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Tel. Ext. Telegraphic transmission and
classification approved by: EUR/SCAN - George M. Ingram

Clearances:

S/S - Mr. Parker
EUR - Mr. Beauchry

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amconsul CURACAO

DATE: June 14, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

The post received many messages of condolence on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy June 5, 1968. Though quite a number of the callers by telephone did not identify themselves or were unknown to the Consulate General, those who wired or wrote were in all instances known to the post. With few exceptions they requested that their message of sympathy be conveyed to the United States Government and the Kennedy family. The Chairman of the Staten (Legislative Council) requested their condolences be forwarded to the United States Senate.

Listed below are those officials, organizations and individuals who asked that their condolences be conveyed to our government and the family of Senator Kennedy. All messages have been acknowledged.

His Excellency Nicolaas Debrot, Governor of the
Netherlands Antilles

His Excellency C. D. Kroon, Minister-President of the
Netherlands Antilles

Mr. B. M. Leito, Acting Lieutenant Governor of Curacao
Mr. Francesco Leidenz Estevanot, Venezuelan Consul General
Mr. Alfonso Rojas Palma, Colombian Consul
Mr. Nestor P. Aristizabal, Argentine Consul
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tauber, local merchant
Mr. J. Lopez Henriquez, local merchant

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Pimsler, local merchant
Dr. E. A. Prince, dentist
Mr. Hubert L. Spencer, President, Petroleum Workers
Federation Curacao
Mr. Rene Moreno, businessman
Mr. J.A. Rojer, President, Netherlands Antilles Credit
Union League
The Reverend Amado E. J. Romer, Manager, Netherlands
Antilles Credit Union League
Curacao Sorority Society SUFA (Sociedad Union Femenina
Antillana)
Mr. Marvin E. Zoetrum
Mr. L. A. Abraham, President, The Staten of the Netherlands
Antilles
Mr. Jose Lake, Editor and Publisher, The Windward Islands
Opinion, Philipsburg, St. Maarten
Mr. Lionel Capriles, businessman
Mr. M. F. Henriquez, businessman
Mr. A. van Os, Shell Curacao N.V.
Mr. L. Capriles, Vice President, Chamber of Commerce and
Industry of Curacao
Mr. F. W. van Ramshorst, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce and
Industry of Curacao
Mr. Aniceto Rosario, President, Ambtenaren Credit Union
Mr. Harold Silvano, Secretary, Ambtenaren Credit Union
Mr. W. Thomas Rozier, President, The Board of the U.R.A.,
local political party
Mr. Winston S.S.D. Lourens, Secretary General, The Board of
the U.R.A.
Mr. F.D. van Grieken, Secretary, The Staten of the
Netherlands Antilles

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ACTION: Amembassy VIENTIANE

Info:

SUBJ: Condolences for Senator Kennedy

REF: Vientiane 7077

Request you convey following reply from Vice President to

Outhong Souvannavong President of King's Council:
the Members of

"On behalf of ~~my colleagues in~~ the U.S. Senate and myself

I wish to express our grateful appreciation for your kind and
sympathetic message of condolence on the tragic death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy."

Office of Vice President does not plan to release text of
message but has no objection if RLG does.

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Drafted by: EA/LC:RF6 Stutz, Jr; cas 6/12/68

Tel. Ext. 4026

Telegraphic transmission and
classification approved by: *EXX* H *Mr. White*

Clearances:

EA/LC - Martin Herz

Vice President - Mr. Riel *no*

S/S - Mrs. Davis *no*

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Washington, D.C. 20520

~~S/S Pending~~

June 14, 1968

Cleared by VP's Office (Rielly) with no changes
per Donna Cunningham to Helen Brown 6/14/68

Telegram sent 6/14/68

(Bonn 183883)

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

BS/R FILES

Attention ~~MRS. CUMMINGS~~
Keep this study together

Subject: Condolence Message from Bundestag
President

I enclose a message from Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier,
President of the Federal German Parliament (Bundestag)
in the name of that body, extending condolences on the
death of Senator Kennedy and expressing sympathy for
the Kennedy family. A suggested reply for transmission
to Dr. Gerstenmaier through our Embassy in Bonn is also
enclosed.

for *Benjamin H. Read*
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply to Dr. Gerstenmaier.
2. Condolence message from Dr. Gerstenmaier.

S/S *BH*
A True Copy

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

**Subject: Condolence Message from Bundestag
President**

I enclose a message from Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, President of the Federal German Parliament (Bundestag) in the name of that body, extending condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy and expressing sympathy for the Kennedy family. A suggested reply for transmission to Dr. Gerstenmaier through our Embassy in Bonn is also enclosed.

**Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary**

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply to Dr. Gerstenmaier.
2. Condolence message from Dr. Gerstenmaier.

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Clearances: GER - Mr. Puhan
EUR - MR. BEARDY
S/S - Mr. Parker

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

Dear Dr. Gerstenmaier:

Please accept my own heart-felt thanks and the
thanks of my Senate colleagues for your thoughtful
condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

Dear Dr. Gerstenmaier:

Please accept my own heart-felt thanks and the thanks of my Senate colleagues for your thoughtful condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

June 6, 1968. 4

My dear Mr. Vice President:

The President of the German Bundestag has asked me to transmit to you in your capacity as President of the United States Senate the following message of condolence of the German Bundestag:

"Tiefbewegt spreche ich Ihnen, Herr Präsident, und dem Senat der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika die aufrichtige Anteilnahme des Deutschen Bundestags aus zu dem überaus schmerzlichen und tragischen Verlust, den Sie und die Vereinigten Staaten durch den Tod von Senator Robert Kennedy erlitten haben. Der Deutsche Bundestag trauert mit Ihnen um eine große Hoffnung Ihres Landes. Er gedenkt in herzlicher Anteilnahme auch der zweifach schwer geprüften Familie Kennedy.

Ihr aufrichtig ergebener Gerstenmaier,
Präsident des Deutschen Bundestags."

The English translation reads as follows:

"Deeply moved, I express to you, Mr. President, and to the Senate of the United States of America, the sincere participation of the German Bundestag in the painful and tragic loss which you and the United States have suffered through the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The German Bundestag is in mourning with you over a great hope of your country. It also is thinking with heartfelt sympathy of the again so severely tried Kennedy family.

Very sincerely yours,
Gerstenmaier,
President of the German Bundestag".

Respectfully yours,
sgd. Knappstein

The Vice President
The Capitol
Washington, D.C.

ROBERT F.



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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO
BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT GERSTENMAIER:

QTE DEAR DR. GERSTENMAIER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY OWN HEART-FELT THANKS AND THE THANKS OF
MY SENATE COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONDOLENCES ON THE
TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SINCERELY,
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY UNQTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE,
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GERSTENMAIER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF GERSTENMAIER'S MESSAGE
TO THE VICE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEEPLY MOVED, I EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SINCERE PARTICIPATION
OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG IN THE PAINFUL AND TRAGIC LOSS WHICH
AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH THE DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG IS IN MOURNING
WITH YOU OVER A GREAT HOPE OF YOUR COUNTRY. IT ALSO IS THINKING
WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY OF THE AGAIN SO SEVERELY TRIED KENNEDY

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VERY SINCERLY YOURS,
GERSTENMIER,
PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG UNQTE
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER BAROUM:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQTE

2. QTE I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

3. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister.

4. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary.

QTE Having learned of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy, I have the honor to express my very sincere condolences and beg you to convey to the Kennedy family that with deep sorrow I share their grief. Dr. Jacques Baroum, Minister of Foreign Affairs UNQTE

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Drafted by:

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Attention *W. J. [unclear]*
Keep this study together.MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Message From the President to the King of
Afghanistan Acknowledging His Condolences on
the Death of Senator Kennedy

The King of Afghanistan has sent a telegram to the President expressing, on his own behalf and on behalf of Queen Homaira, condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy. A copy of the King's message is enclosed.

A suggested message of acknowledgement is also enclosed. The standard language for messages of acknowledgement which was previously cleared by the White House was not considered appropriate in this case because it has already been employed in a message from the President to the Afghan Prime Minister.

Samuel Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. King's message to the President
2. Suggested Message

Clearances:

NEA/PAF - Mr. Prescott
S/CPR - ~~Mr. Abell~~ Mr. Sancho-Bonet
NEA - Mr. Handley *WJ* (draft)
S/S - Mr. Parker

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Kabul
June 12, 1968

His Excellency
Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
of America
The White House
Washington

Deeply grieved by the sad news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The Queen and I would like to convey to Your Excellency and through you to the bereaved family the expression of our personal heartfelt sympathies and condolences.

Mohammad Zaher
King of Afghanistan

For L. B. Johnson, Kennedy

SUGGESTED MESSAGE

His Majesty
Mohamad Zaher
King of Afghanistan
Kabul

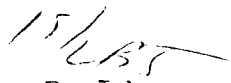
Your Majesty:

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for Your Majesty's kind words of sympathy over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

All Americans have been profoundly shocked by his sudden and tragic passing. The knowledge that you and Her Majesty, Queen Homaira, share in our sorrow will help sustain us in these grievous days.

I shall transmit Your Majesties' message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,


Lyndon B. Johnson

1964
L.B.J. Kennedy, Nov. 22, 1963

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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NEA - Mr. Handley *WR* (draft)
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from John McEwen
on the Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a message to the President from the Acting Prime Minister of Australia, John McEwen conveying the text of a message of condolence he sent to Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

The Department's recommendation is that no reply need be sent to the message. Direct messages to the President have been received from Prime Minister Gorton in Saigon and from Lord Casey, Governor General. Replies to these have been sent.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Message from John McEwen.

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Concurrences:

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AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

6th June, 1968

Dear Mr President,

I have been asked by the Acting Prime Minister, The Right Honorable John McEwen, M.P., to convey to you the terms of the message he has sent to Mrs Robert Kennedy:

"On behalf of the Australian Government and people I convey our deepest sympathy to you in your tragic loss. All Australians pray that you and your family will be strengthened at this time. I wish you to know that your late husband's social achievements, public works and high moral courage have been held in the highest esteem. We in this country are greatly saddened by his passing."

Yours sincerely,

(Keith Waller)
Ambassador

The President,
The White House,
WASHINGTON D.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to Message of Sympathy from
Vice President Ky

Attached is a suggested message from the President to Vice President Ky of South Viet-Nam, replying to the latter's message of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

A similar message of sympathy from President Thieu has also been received, for which the standard reply has already been prepared. While the President may not ordinarily reply directly to a Vice Presidential message as well, we think in this case it would be highly desirable, given the present delicate situation between Thieu and Ky and our own somewhat delicate position in the matter. The President last week sent messages to both expressing condolences on the accidental killing of six Vietnamese officers by a rocket from a U.S. helicopter June 2.

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Enclosures:

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

1. Suggested Reply
2. Message from Vice President Ky

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CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Reply to Message of Sympathy from
Vice President Ky

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

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Suggested Reply

Mr. Vice President:

On behalf of the people of the United States,
I express my deep gratitude for your message of
sympathy on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy. Our loss has indeed been great, and we
welcome your kind thoughts in our time of grief.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Nguyen Cao Ky,
Vice President of the
Republic of Vietnam.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MR. PRESIDENT,

I WAS GREATLY SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY HAD FALLEN VICTIM OF A WANTON AND SENSELESS
ASSASSINATION. SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY DEVOTED ALL HIS ACTIVE
LIFETO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AND OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY

AT LARGE. HE NOURISHED GREAT AND GENEROUS DREAMS ABOUT
A BETTER WORLD, AND EVEN THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE HIS
CONCEPTS ON HOW TO ACHIEVE THESE LOFTY AIMS, RESPECT AND
ADMIRE HIS IDEALISM, DEDICATION, AND COURAGE.

ON THIS SAD OCCASION, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU,
AND THROUGH YOU TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND TO THE AMERICAN
NATION, MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING AWAY OF
A GREAT AMERICAN, AND SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD
CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY STOPEND

SINCERELY,

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

June 10, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL BUREAUS

SUBJECT: Messages to the President on the Shooting
and Death of Senator Kennedy

Messages to the President from Foreign Dignitaries

Where appropriate, action offices will prepare telegraphic replies incorporating the language shown in attachment I. All such replies will be cleared in S/S by Mr. Parker, Rm. 7239, X 7552, or the S/S Duty Officer.

Where action offices propose alternative language, such language should be submitted to S/S, cleared by S/CPR, typed on white bond paper, (double spaced, and including proper salutation) on a green outgoing telegram form complete with delivery and public affairs guidance. All such messages should be submitted to S/S under a Read-Rostow memorandum transmitting the message. A copy of the message to which the language responds should be attached.

In addition, action offices are asked to type a copy of the incoming message on white bond paper as shown in attachment II to be submitted to S/S together with the telegram of reply. These copies, in the original language of the message, should be perfectly typed.

Telegrams of reply are due in S/S at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 11.



Alan Parker
S/S-S
Ext. 7552

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(Attachment II)

Helsinki
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

Deeply grieved by the great loss to the United States
and to the world incurred by the tragic death of
Senator Robert Kennedy. I extend to you and the
American people my warmest sympathy.

Urho Kekkonen
President of the
Republic of Finland

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Subject: Proposed Reply by Vice President to Message
from Acting President of Turkish Senate on
Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a message dated June 10 from Sirri Atalay,
Acting President of the Turkish Senate, expressing his
condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The
Department recommends that the enclosed reply by the Vice
President be sent to Mr. Atalay's message. If you agree,
we will transmit the approved reply to our Embassy at Ankara
for delivery.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed reply to
Mr. Atalay's June 10
message.
2. Mr. Atalay's June 10
message.

NEA - Mr. Handley

Clearances: S/CPR - R. Johnston
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Suggested Reply

Dear Senator Atalay:

I am grateful for the expression of sympathy which you and your fellow Senators have conveyed to me on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you have been kind enough to observe, he was one of the most eminent of the members of our legislature, and he championed the ideals for a better world in which we all believe. My fellow Americans share with me profound grief over his loss and over the suffering it has caused his family.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

His Excellency
Sirri Atalay,
Acting President of the
Senate of the Turkish Republic.

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TO NEA - Mr. Scotese

DATE 6/11/68

SUBJECT Ltr from Sirri Atalay re the death of RFKennedy transmitted fm Melih Esenbel, Ambassador. 6/10/68

X Prepare a Read to Rielly

memo enclosing or containing:

_____ Draft reply for President's signature.

X _____ Draft reply for signature by Vice President *

_____ Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.

_____ Comment or recommendation.

_____ Direct reply:

_____ Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

_____ Comeback copy required for S/S.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling:

_____ Furnish information copy of reply, if any, under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

_____ Refer to White House request of _____.

_____ FYI

_____ Due in S/S by By 6/14.

NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the address of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked me to reply".
4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

*Read/Rielly memo suggested 6/11/68
reply drafted 6/11/68
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REMARKS

* ~~XXXX~~ Prepare draft reply with Read/Rielly memo for Vice President's approval; explain that Dept would cable message if approved; also prepare telegraphic green containing message, public affairs guidance,

COPIES TO: and text of Turkish message.

S - Mr. Steigman (w/att)
H - Mr. Briggs (w/att)

Alan Parker
Alan Parker 7552
Secretariat Staff
Ext.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 10, 1968

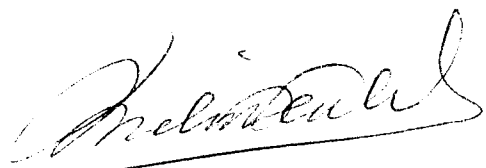
Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a personal message addressed to the Vice President of the United States from the Acting President of the Senate of the Turkish Republic.

I would be most grateful if this message could be forwarded to Vice President Humphrey.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Melih Esenbel
Ambassador

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His Excellency
Hubert H. Humphrey,
President of the United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

It is with profound sorrow that I have learned of the tragic death of eminent Senator Robert F. Kennedy as a result of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy was an ardent champion of mankind's highest ideals and of hope for peace and well-being in our world. It is one of the ironies of our age that, while Senator Kennedy was campaigning in the Primaries, seeking the highest office in the United States from which to further these very ideals, he should be struck down by a brutal, senseless slaying.

The best guarantee of the future of mankind is the democratic way of life made safe from acts of hatred, prejudice and brutality.

The United States of America stands bereft of an outstanding leader, the United States Senate of an illustrious member and people everywhere aspiring for a better world face a less hopeful future.

On behalf of the members of the Senate of the Turkish Republic and myself, I offer my deepest sympathy.

Sirri Atalay
Acting President
of the Senate of the
Turkish Republic.

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Attention *Mrs. Mullitt*
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Acknowledgement by the President of
the Condolence Message Received from
the Acting President of Costa Rica on
the Occasion of the Death of Senator
Kennedy

There is enclosed a copy of the condolence message sent
to the President from the Acting President of Costa Rica on
the occasion of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The
Senator's death occurred during the visit to Washington of
President Trejos of Costa Rica. For that reason, the official
Presidential expression of condolence from Costa Rica was re-
ceived from the First Vice President of Costa Rica during his
exercise of the Presidency in the absence of President Trejos.
A suggested reply to the Costa Rican message is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Message from the Acting
President of Costa Rica

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The Republic of Costa Rica has seen and shared our grief at the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

On behalf of all the people of the United States, I want to tell you how much we were strengthened and consoled in a difficult time by your distinguished President, and by your own gracious message.

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LBT
Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency,

Jorge Vega Rodriguez,

First Vice President of

The Republic of Costa Rica,

San Jose.

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Translation

The President
The White House
Washington

In the name of the Costa Rican Nation, I
beg your Excellency to accept our sympathy over
the tragedy that has befallen the United States
of America in the death of the illustrious
Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Jorge Vega Rodriguez
First Vice President
Acting President
of the Republic



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Attention *Mac Millan*
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June 14, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW

THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to Message of Condolence from Belgian Vice
Prime Minister, Willy de Clercq

The approved reply to expressions of condolence on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy was used to acknowledge a message from the King of Belgium. A proposed alternative reply to the message from the Vice Prime Minister is submitted for your approval. De Clercq, a key NATO supporter and former Fulbrighter, was received by President Johnson in March, 1967.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Vice Prime Minister's Message to the President

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Executive Secretary

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Executive Summary
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The report of the investigation of the
incident of June 11, 1968, at the
Washington Field Office, is being
forwarded to you for your information.
The report contains a detailed
description of the incident and the
actions taken by the field office.
The report also contains a list of
recommendations for the future.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCO NOGUEIRA:

1. QUOTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. UNQUOTE

2. QUOTE I shall, as you requested, ~~xxxx~~ transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQUOTE

3. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister Franco Nogueira.

4. Following, FYI, is Foreign Minister's message to the Secretary:

QUOTE Having just been informed of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy under tragic circumstances I wish to convey to you the expression of my deepest sympathy for the sorrow the whole American nation feels over such a violent crime which deserves the condemnation of all men. I would ask you to be kind enough to present to Mrs. Robert Kennedy and family the expression of condolences. Please accept the assurances of my high consideration.

Franco Nogueira, Foreign Minister of Portugal

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Attention: *[Signature]*
Keep this study together.

Subject: Proposed Presidential Reply to Message
from Turkish Prime Minister on Death of
Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a message dated June 7 from Prime
Minister Demirel of Turkey expressing his sorrow over
the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The standard
reply which has already been approved by the White House
is being sent to Turkish President Sunay in answer to
his condolence message of the same date to the President.

The Department recommends that the enclosed Presidential
reply be sent to Prime Minister Demirel's message.

We propose to sent both messages simultaneously,
following approval of the Demirel message.

[Signature]
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed Reply to Prime Minister
Demirel's Message
2. Prime Minister Demirel's June 7 Message

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THE WHITE HOUSE**

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**Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary**

Enclosures:

1. Proposed Reply to
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Message
2. Prime Minister Demirel's
June 7 Message

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PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL
OF TURKEY

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am deeply moved by your kind message on
the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
All Americans are grateful for the sympathy which
you and your Government have extended to us.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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His Excellency
Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

I have learned with deep sorrow of the passing this morning
of distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy. On behalf of
the Government of the Republic of Turkey and myself I offer
you my deep and heartfelt sympathy on this grievous loss to
the American Nation.

Süleyman Demirel

Prime Minister of
Turkey.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 7, 1968

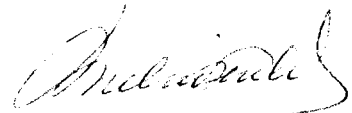
My dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a personal message addressed to President Lyndon B. Johnson from the Prime Minister of Turkey, Süleyman Demirel.

I would be most grateful if this message could be forwarded to its high destination.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Melih Esenbel
Ambassador

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Department of State,

Washington, D. C.

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TURKISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 7, 1968

My dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a personal message addressed to President Lyndon B. Johnson from the President of the Republic of Turkey, Cevdet Sunay.

I would be most grateful if this message could be forwarded to its high destination.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Melih Esenbel

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Melih Esenbel
Ambassador

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

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His Excellency
Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

We are deeply distressed that one of the most outstanding
sons of America, in the prime of life, and on the threshold
of a great and dedicated service to his country became the
victim of a hateful assassination.

On behalf of the Turkish people and myself I offer to you
and to the friendly and allied American nation my deepest
sympathy and condolences.

Cevdet Sunay

President of the
Republic of Turkey

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from Governor General
Casey on the Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a telegram to the President from Governor
General Casey expressing condolences on the assassination
of Senator Kennedy. A suggested reply is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram to the President
from Lord Casey.

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Dear Lord Casey:

I was deeply grateful for your telegram. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief at the tragic loss of Senator Kennedy is a source of great comfort and consolation to me and to my fellow Americans.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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1. Please pass the following message to Lord Casey from the President:

"Dear Lord Casey: I was deeply grateful for your telegram. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief at the tragic loss of Senator Kennedy is a source of great comfort and consolation to me and to my fellow Americans.

Lyndon B. Johnson"

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Governor General.
3. Following, FYI, is text of Governor General's message to the President:

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QTE: We share with you the shock and horror of this dreadful happening. Casey Governor-General. UNQTE.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE SHARE WITH YOU THE SHOCK AND HORROR OF THIS
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1. Please pass following message from Vice President to Bundestag President Gerstenmaier:

QTE Dear Dr. Gerstenmaier:

Please accept my own heart-felt thanks and the thanks of my Senate colleagues for your thoughtful condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. ~~In addition, the Kennedy family has asked me to say how much they appreciate your kindness.~~

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey UNQTE

Vice President's Office

2. ~~XXXXXX~~ does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Gerstenmaier.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of ~~CHANGE~~ Gerstenmaier's message to the Vice President:

QTE Deeply moved, I express to you, Mr. President, and to the Senate of the United States of America, the sincere participation of the German Bundestag in the painful and tragic loss which you

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Vice President's office - Mr. Riehl

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and the United States have suffered through the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The German Bundestag is in mourning with you over a great hope of your country. It also is thinking with heartfelt sympathy of the again so severely tried Kennedy family.

Very sincerely yours,

Gerstenmaier,

President of the German Bundestag UNOTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER BRANDT:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister Brandt.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Foreign Minister Brandt's message to the Secretary:

QTE In this difficult hour, in which one of the most outstanding political personalities of your country has fallen victim to murder, I should like to assure you, that we feel ourselves united with the American people in common grief and indignation at this reprehensible act. May the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, whom I was privileged to learn to know and appreciate in Berlin, lead all peoples finally to the sober realization that violent fanaticism in a world striving

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for peace, is not to be permitted as a means of political
disputation.

Willy Brandt. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO TIBURCIO CARIAS CASTILLO,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the
tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this
time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

2. QTE I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to
Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely,

Dean Rusk UNQTE

3. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection
to release by Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ACTING PRESIDENT ARMIJO
OF CABEI:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by CABEI.
3. Following, FYI, is ~~Spanish~~ text of Armijo's message to the President:
QTE El Banco Centroamericano de Integracion Economica al lamentar el sencible deceso del Senador Robert Kennedy, se une a la pena que embarga al pueblo hermano de los Estados Unidos de America.

Jorge Armijo Mejia

Presidente En Funciones Oancadie UNQTE

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. IN COURSE CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN KETEMA I MENTIONED THAT IN WAKE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WE HAD CIRCULAR INQUIRY FROM WASHINGTON (ANSWERED IN REF B) RE HOST COUNTRIES' FIREARM CONTROL LAWS.

KETEMA SAID QTE I'M AFRAID WE ARE NOT THE RIGHT ONES TO COME TO ON THAT SUBJ: THIS COUNTRY IS FULL OF GUNS--PROBABLY AVERAGE OF TWO PER PERSON--AND OUR CONTROLS TOO ARE TOTALLY INADEQUATE. UNQTE

2. KETEMA REITERATED GENERAL DEEP CONCERN OF ETHIOPIANS OVER ASSASSINATION AND ITS IMPLICATION FOR US. HE ADDED, THOS WHO THOUGHT ABOUT MATTER CAREFULLY COULD REALIZE CONSPIRACY THEORY SCARCELY TENABLE ACROSS THREE MURDERS (PRES AND SENATOR KENNEDY AND KING), BUT IT NEVERTHELESS APPEALING AND WIDELY HELD. TO MY OBSERVATION THAT ASSASSINATION AND OTHER FORMS VIOLENCE DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO PERMISSIVENESS AMERICAN SOCIETY AND PRESENCE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO NOT YET ASSIMILATED AMERICAN LIFE AND THUS PREPARED LIVE WITHIN RQYES, HE EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE ADMITTEDLY NEEDED CONTROLS COULD SOMEHOW BE DEVELOPED WITHOUT LOSS OF AND RESPECT FOR FUNDAMENTAL PERSONAL FREEDOMS WHICH WERE AMERICA'S GREAT GIFT TO WORLD.

3. I SHOWED KETEMA COPY OF RECENT HARSH LOCAL EDITORIAL ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WHICH HE SAID HE HAD NOT READ. HE AGREED IT WAS QTE PRETTY BAD UNQTE, APOLOGIZED AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO DO SOMETHING TO MAKE AMENDS.

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TO : Department of State

INFO: LONDON, ROME

FROM : Amembassy VALLETTA

DATE: June 14, 1968

SUBJECT: Maltese Reaction to the Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

ROME FOR PAO

1. Enclosed with this airgram is an envelope containing a number of clippings from local English and Maltese language newspapers covering the assassination and funeral of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. This material is being transmitted as an illustration of the intensity of Maltese feeling with respect to the late Senator and the Kennedy family. The press clippings may be forwarded to the Kennedy family if deemed appropriate.

2. The breadth and the intensity of the local reaction to this world-shaking tragedy revealed two things about the Maltese:

A. They obtained a personal identification with the tragedy through their own love of family, their strong Catholic faith and reverence for its liturgy, and their belief in what they understood to be the Senator's political aims, that is, fighting for the rights of minorities and for world peace.

B. The local news media (newspapers, television, and radio) have the ability when impelled by this type of close identification to provide quick and wide coverage to events of world interest.

3. The news media coverage started with what appeared to be an assassination "attempt" on Senator Kennedy's life. The shooting in Los Angeles was the major topic of local discussion and news coverage during the days of June 5-6. Knowledge of the assassination attempt began to circulate in Malta about 9 a.m. on June 5. By noon The Times of Malta had a

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special edition on the stands with a large headline "Bob Kennedy Shot." During the day Malta Rediffusion (radio) carried spot news monitored from VOA broadcasts. The island was, of course, also receiving hourly news coverage through the BBC. Many Maltese stayed glued to their television or radio sets for long hours in an effort to follow the American tragedy closely.

4. Malta Television, which only operates during the evening hours, had surprisingly current coverage of the dramatic events in Los Angeles. Pictures relayed by satellite to Europe and screened in news broadcasts on Italian television were monitored and rescreened on Malta television. Over half of the time of the evening television news periods, in Maltese and later in English, was devoted to the "attempted assassination." Many Maltese also got the news direct from Italian television channels.

5. The morning papers of June 6 carried extensive coverage (for Malta) of the shooting, the three-hour emergency operation, and the known details of the assailant, Sirhan Sirhan. The Times of Malta and the Malta News as well as the local language press had editorials deploring the senseless act of violence. The papers also printed the message of sympathy which Prime Minister Dr. G. Borg Olivier had sent to Mrs. Robert Kennedy the previous evening, c/o the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles.

6. On the morning of June 6 the Embassy began receiving a number of calls, primarily seeking additional information concerning Senator Kennedy's condition. These calls changed to expressions of condolence when it was learned about 10 a.m. local time that the Senator had died. The Prime Minister sent Mrs. Kennedy another message, this time one of condolence. The Malta News ran off a special edition mourning the Senator's death. News reporters called the Embassy for a statement upon the Senator's death. Malta Television also asked the Embassy to make a short television clip for the evening news broadcast. This was done, the statement being an extension of the brief remarks previously given to the press. The clip was a part of the television broadcasts June 6, and the voice portion was later carried on rediffusion.

7. From June 7 onward there was an outpouring in the press of news articles and pictures of the Kennedy family. (Some of the pictures had been provided by the Embassy from USIS material.) The Embassy was also asked to participate in a memorial television broadcast June 7, along with Bishop Mgr. Emanuel Gerada and other Maltese priests and citizens. The Embassy used this occasion to read President Johnson's statement on the death of Senator Kennedy which had just been received from the Department by telegram. The program was dedicated to Senator Kennedy's role as the head of a Catholic family and the ideals for which he fought. The Embassy was asked to participate, on June 14, in a program devoted to Senator Kennedy's life.

8. Some Catholic churches on the island had some sort of prayers or memorial service for the late Senator. The tragedy was also mentioned from the pulpit

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of Protestant churches on Sunday, June 9. The Embassy has received, at this writing, 35 letters and cards of condolence as well as many oral expressions of condolence given to individual staff members of the Embassy. On Sunday, June 9, there was a Catholic Requiem Mass aboard the USS SHENANDOAH, presently in Grand Harbor, for the officers and men of the U.S. Navy ships. The chapel of Villa Monsignor Gonzi, located in Siggiewi, will on June 15 hold a mass for Robert Kennedy to demonstrate that it "associates itself with the American people in the Kennedy tragedy" and as a sign of gratitude for previous help given the chapel by Americans.

9. Flags on U.S. Government buildings were, of course, lowered to half mast when news of the Senator's death was received through VOA channels. (U.S. Navy ships already had their flags lowered in tribute to the crew of the lost USS SCORPION). In tribute to Senator Kennedy, a number of other foreign Embassies as well as Headquarters, NAVSOUTH, lowered their flags to half mast. Flags on private Maltese commercial establishments and homes were also lowered, and some shopkeepers put a picture of the Senator draped in crepe in their windows. The Queen's Birthday activities were held as scheduled in Malta on June 8; however, the Governor General directed that flags on all official buildings be put at half mast on Sunday, June 9, the day designated by President Johnson as a day of mourning.

10. On June 11 Senator Robert Kennedy was chosen by the Cana Movement as the symbol and model father for this year's Father's Day which is being celebrated June 16. There is already a memorial in Malta, a garden and circular pillars, to the late President John F. Kennedy. Some Maltese have suggested that a plaque also be established there to the memory of Robert Kennedy.

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CROSS-SECTION OF VIEWPOINTS IN
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Iz-Zmien (June 6)

History teaches us that great statesmen of progressive sentiments who work and make sacrifices for their country and for humanity run the risk of being continually threatened by such savage and cowardly acts. This risk is greater in the United States where there apparently still is a great movement against racial equality in regard to civil rights.

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L-Orizzont (June 6)

It may be that Senator Kennedy has suffered because of his ideal to improve the lot of the poor and the negroes.

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Il-Haddiem (June 6)

The attempt on Bob Kennedy's life was motivated either by madness or fanaticism. We very much fear that fanaticism and prejudice existing amongst a great section of white people in America are responsible for the two nefarious acts perpetrated in 1968.

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Il-Berqa (June 6)

Incidents such as the murder of the Kennedys and of M. L. King have unfavorable repercussions on the prestige of the American people in their relations with other nations.

A reaction against the American Government and people may arise here in Malta because of this incident. While condemning such illegal actions, we must keep a sense of proportion and not also accuse a system of Government.

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Dr. Herbert Ganado writing in
Lehen-Is-Sewwa (June 8)

If the millions who had hopes in the reforms of the Kennedy brothers and in the apostolate of Luther King should lose hope, the world can in a very short time experience some ugly hours.

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Lehen-Is-Sewwa (June 8)

The extermination of political leaders by pistol shots not only results in a lessening of democracy, it may also scare the best people in the world from taking an active part in politics.

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Dr. Joe Micallef-Stafrace (MP MLP) writing in
It-Torca (June 9)

America is today presented before the world wherein no politician or other distinguished figure is certain of not being assassinated.

America is being presented as a nation of gangsters. A country full of corruption. A country of unbridled capitalism where you can never be sure that you have before you a genuine and sincere opinion. A Country without a soul.

Let us hope that those leaders in America who have so far escaped the bullet will understand that what Robert Kennedy stood for is still there, even though may be by the elimination of Kennedy and of Luther King there is not a sufficiently strong and respected voice to keep these ideals continually before America and the world public opinion.

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Toni Farrugia writing in
It-Torca (June 9)

We accuse the American people with corruption and intolerance. The soul of the country is rotten.

With the burial of Robert F. Kennedy the world has also buried its every hope that the nation, calling itself the greatest champion of democracy, can by just means solve the racial problems which are exhausting it and spare many of its families the suffering they are experiencing because of a war in which they are unnecessarily involved.

Only if America can fulfill all that JFK, MLK and RFK died for can the world forgive, if not forget, America's deficiencies.

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It-Torca (June 9)

It would be naive in the extreme to believe that President Kennedy's assassin acted on his own. And now this Palestinian who has shot Senator Kennedy has done so "for his country."

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In spite of its acknowledged efficiency, the American Secret Service did not discover the reason for John Kennedy's assassination and maybe they will not find out why this Palestinian who has been in the United States eleven years has perpetrated this barbarous crime. Maybe, if the real reason does come out, the world will be scandalized even more.

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Leli Zammit writing in
Iz-Zmien (June 10)

America is a sick country. It is paralysed by fear and full of indecisions. Violence is dominating American life. This is having disastrous repercussions. It was no surprise consequently that Senator Kennedy should be a victim of a senseless act of violence. Such acts are part and parcel of everyday life in America.

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Lehen-is-Sewwa (June 11)

On Saturday, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Saint Susanna alle Terme, Rome, Archbishop Martin O'Connor, Apostolic Nuncio for Malta, celebrated a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Robert Kennedy for the personnel of the United States Embassy and for Americans residing in Rome.

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Lehen-is-Sewwa (June 11)

It would be most appropriate if a dignified plaque be placed at the Kennedy grove in memory of Robert Kennedy.

I wish also to suggest to the American Embassy in Malta to organize a Requiem Mass for the late Senator's soul.

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Paul Carachi MP writing in
L-Orizzont (June 11)

Even though the exaggerated ease with which firearms are bought and sold contributed enormously towards a perpetration of a crime, the principal cause is to be found in unbridled passions which emerge and grow in man; foremost among these sentiments are envy, hatred, thirst for power and money.

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Lehen-is-Sewwa (June 11)

Who knows what Robert Kennedy had in his mind? His many speeches indicated he had several fine projects to fulfill for the benefit of his country and in particular for the poor and for large families. These hopes have now vanished into thin air, as a result of violence, which has again dealt American political life a terrible blow

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO DE GAULLE:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by de Gaulle.

4. Following, FYI, is English text of de Gaulle's message to the President:

QTE The tragedy that has just shaken the United States, and once again plunged the Kennedy family into mourning, deeply grieves the people of France. I wish to express their grief to you, and to assure you that I share your sorrow and that of the American people.

C. de Gaulle UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FONMIN MALIK:

1. QTE: Dear Mr. Minister:
2. QTE: Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely,
Dean Rusk. ~~RM~~ UNQTE
3. Dept. does not plan to release, but has no objection to release by ~~XXXXX~~ Foreign Minister Malik.
4. ~~N~~ Following, FYI, is text of Malik's message to Secretary:
QTE: Deeply shocked by the sad news of the tragic demise of Senator Robert Kennedy, I hasten to extend to Your Excellency my sincere condolences. My thoughts are also very much with the family of the deceased, for whom ~~the~~ this loss is so great. May his soul rest in peace and may God the Almighty grant consolation to his family in their hour of bereavement. ~~Admxx~~ Adam Malik, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Rep. of Indonesia. UNQTE
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

FLORES:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely,

Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister Flores.

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COMMENT:

The attitudes expressed by the distinguished members of the Municipal Council unfortunately reflect the visceral reactions of many Venezuelans, both friends and foes of the US. (See A-919, June 7, 1968.) Despite careful and frequent repetition of the Ambassador's remarks by many members of the Country Team, a great number of Venezuelans persist in linking the Kennedy assassination to an overall condemnation of the US.

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Enclosure: The proclamation is enclosed for presentation at the Department's discretion to the Kennedy family.

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Pol 6-245 / Kennedy,
Robert F.
HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : Amembassy LIMA

DATE: June 14, 1963

SUBJECT: Reaction in Peru to Death of Senator Kennedy

REF :

SUMMARY

The grief and consternation in Peru at the death of Senator Kennedy, who was widely admired in this country and well-known from his successful 1965 visit here, was deep, widespread and heartfelt, almost identical in tone and scarcely smaller in degree to the reaction following the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963. The upwelling of emotion in Peru occasioned by Senator Kennedy's tragic death underscored not only Peru's feeling for the Senator and his family but also the fundamental warmth and community of interests underlying US-Peruvian relations.

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The November 10-13, 1965 visit to Peru by Senator Robert F. KENNEDY and Mrs. Kennedy was very successful. The crowds surrounding them both in Lima and in Cuzco during their visit were heavy and very friendly, and the Senator made a most favorable impression on Peruvians of all levels of society. Thus Senator Robert Kennedy was well-known and highly esteemed in Peru. News of his assassination therefore caused a wide and deep impression among Peruvians, many of whom regarded him not only as a rising U.S. political leader carrying on in the tradition of his late brother the President, but as a friend of Peru who shared many of the hopes and aspirations widely cherished by most Peruvians.

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On the morning of June 5 radio and television newscasts in Lima were overwhelmingly dominated by news of the shooting, and the afternoon papers front paged the story under huge red headlines. The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim issued a statement deploring "this horrible and senseless assassination attempt" and stating that, "as expressed previously by President JOHNSON, we can do no more at this time than pray for Senator Kennedy's recovery and for the recovery of the other victims of the shooting." This statement, together with President Johnson's, were widely carried by radio and television in Lima. President Fernando BELAUNDE Terry sent a personal message of regret to the Kennedy family, and the Peruvian Government's press spokesmen declared that the news of the shooting had "produced a mournful impact in the Presidential Palace." Declarations of horror and sadness were made by Peru's Primate, Juan Cardinal LANDAZURI Ricketts, and by spokesmen of the major political parties. Prime and Foreign Minister Oswaldo HERCELLES telephoned the Embassy to voice regret, as did the President of the Chamber of Deputies, the Chief of Protocol, and representative^s of First Vice President Edgardo SEOANE and Finance Minister Manuel ULLOA, besides political leaders, other personalities and ordinary Peruvian citizens. During the Prime and Foreign Minister's meeting with the Diplomatic Corps later in the day he expressed to the Chargé his profound sorrow, personally and for his Government, over the attack on Senator Kennedy.

On June 6 the news of Senator Kennedy's death caused great sorrow and consternation, with opinions ranging from simple expressions of sympathy to suggestions of the existence in the United States of a criminal conspiracy to silence voices of progress. President Belaúnde sent a message of condolence to Mrs. Kennedy, and Cardinal Landazuri made a public statement pointing out that "crime and violence do not produce anything positive but rather negate human rights, the basis for all democracy and social progress. Press coverage continued to be very great. Several Lima newspapers, notably El Comercio, editorially called for an end to hatred and the "reestablishment of reason" in the United States, while Expreso blamed the assassination on "powerful mafias" as well as psychological factors produced by three wars.

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Secretary has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of our national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. E. Quimby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
Rupiah B. Banda,
Ambassador of the Republic
of Zambia,
Washington, D.C.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER ZAHEDI:

1. QUOTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely, Dean Rusk. UNQUOTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by GOI.

3. Following, FYI, is Foreign Minister's message to Secretary.

QUOTE The news of the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was a terrible shock and a source of great sorrow. I should like to offer you my deep condolences and sympathy and say that I share with you these sad moments. Ardeshir Zahedi Foreign Minister of Iran UNQUOTE

END.

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ACTION: His Excellency
Dr. Jose A. Mora
P. O. Box 268
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

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The tragic and untimely death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as
a great shock to all Americans. I
wish to express my deep appreciation
for your words of sympathy.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

FROM : Amconsul CURACAO

DATE: June 14, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

The post received many messages of condolence on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy June 5, 1968. Though quite a number of the callers by telephone did not identify themselves or were unknown to the Consulate General, those who wired or wrote were in all instances known to the post. With few exceptions they requested that their message of sympathy be conveyed to the United States Government and the Kennedy family. The Chairman of the Staten (Legislative Council) requested their condolences be forwarded to the United States Senate.

Listed below are those officials, organizations and individuals who asked that their condolences be conveyed to our government and the family of Senator Kennedy. All messages have been acknowledged.

His Excellency Nicolaas Debrot, Governor of the
Netherlands Antilles

His Excellency C. D. Kroon, Minister-President of the
Netherlands Antilles

Mr. B. M. Leito, Acting Lieutenant Governor of Curacao

Mr. Francesco Leidenz Estevanot, Venezuelan Consul General

Mr. Alfonso Rojas Palma, Colombian Consul

Mr. Nestor P. Aristizabal, Argentine Consul

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tauber, local merchant

Mr. J. Lopez Henriquez, local merchant

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Dr. E. A. Prince, dentist
Mr. Hubert L. Spencer, President, Petroleum Workers
Federation Curacao
Mr. Rene Moreno, businessman
Mr. J.A. Rojer, President, Netherlands Antilles Credit
Union League
The Reverend Amado E. J. Romer, Manager, Netherlands
Antilles Credit Union League
Curacao Sorority Society SUFA (Sociedad Union Femenina
Antillana)
Mr. Marvin E. Zoetrum
Mr. L. A. Abraham, President, The Staten of the Netherlands
Antilles
Mr. Jose Lake, Editor and Publisher, The Windward Islands
Opinion, Philipsburg, St. Maarten
Mr. Lionel Capriles, businessman
Mr. M. F. Henriquez, businessman
Mr. A. van Os, Shell Curacao N.V.
Mr. L. Capriles, Vice President, Chamber of Commerce and
Industry of Curacao
Mr. F. W. van Ramshorst, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce and
Industry of Curacao
Mr. Aniceto Rosario, President, Ambtenaren Credit Union
Mr. Harold Silvano, Secretary, Ambtenaren Credit Union
Mr. W. Thomas Rozier, President, The Board of the U.R.A.,
local political party
Mr. Winston S.S.D. Lourens, Secretary General, The Board of
the U.R.A.
Mr. F.D. van Grieken, Secretary, The Staten of the
Netherlands Antilles

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TO : Department of State

INFO: LONDON, ROME

FROM : Amembassy VALLETTA

DATE: June 14, 1968

SUBJECT: Maltese Reaction to the Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

ROME FOR PAO

1. Enclosed with this airgram is an envelope containing a number of clippings from local English and Maltese language newspapers covering the assassination and funeral of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. This material is being transmitted as an illustration of the intensity of Maltese feeling with respect to the late Senator and the Kennedy family. The press clippings may be forwarded to the Kennedy family if deemed appropriate.

2. The breadth and the intensity of the local reaction to this world-shaking tragedy revealed two things about the Maltese:

A. They obtained a personal identification with the tragedy through their own love of family, their strong Catholic faith and reverence for its liturgy, and their belief in what they understood to be the Senator's political aims, that is, fighting for the rights of minorities and for world peace.

B. The local news media (newspapers, television, and radio) have the ability when impelled by this type of close identification to provide quick and wide coverage to events of world interest.

3. The news media coverage started with what appeared to be an assassination "attempt" on Senator Kennedy's life. The shooting in Los Angeles was the major topic of local discussion and news coverage during the days of June 5-6. Knowledge of the assassination attempt began to circulate in Malta about 9 a.m. on June 5. By noon The Times of Malta had a

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special edition on the stands with a large headline "Bob Kennedy Shot." During the day Malta Rediffusion (radio) carried spot news monitored from VOA broadcasts. The island was, of course, also receiving hourly news coverage through the BBC. Many Maltese stayed glued to their television or radio sets for long hours in an effort to follow the American tragedy closely.

4. Malta Television, which only operates during the evening hours, had surprisingly current coverage of the dramatic events in Los Angeles. Pictures relayed by satellite to Europe and screened in news broadcasts on Italian television were monitored and rescreened on Malta television. Over half of the time of the evening television news periods, in Maltese and later in English, was devoted to the "attempted assassination." Many Maltese also got the news direct from Italian television channels.

5. The morning papers of June 6 carried extensive coverage (for Malta) of the shooting, the three-hour emergency operation, and the known details of the assailant, Sirhan Sirhan. The Times of Malta and the Malta News as well as the local language press had editorials deploring the senseless act of violence. The papers also printed the message of sympathy which Prime Minister Dr. G. Borg Olivier had sent to Mrs. Robert Kennedy the previous evening, c/o the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles.

6. On the morning of June 6 the Embassy began receiving a number of calls, primarily seeking additional information concerning Senator Kennedy's condition. These calls changed to expressions of condolence when it was learned about 10 a.m. local time that the Senator had died. The Prime Minister sent Mrs. Kennedy another message, this time one of condolence. The Malta News ran off a special edition mourning the Senator's death. News reporters called the Embassy for a statement upon the Senator's death. Malta Television also asked the Embassy to make a short television clip for the evening news broadcast. This was done, the statement being an extension of the brief remarks previously given to the press. The clip was a part of the television broadcasts June 6, and the voice portion was later carried on rediffusion.

7. From June 7 onward there was an outpouring in the press of news articles and pictures of the Kennedy family. (Some of the pictures had been provided by the Embassy from USIS material.) The Embassy was also asked to participate in a memorial television broadcast June 7, along with Bishop Mgr. Emanuel Gerada and other Maltese priests and citizens. The Embassy used this occasion to read President Johnson's statement on the death of Senator Kennedy which had just been received from the Department by telegram. The program was dedicated to Senator Kennedy's role as the head of a Catholic family and the ideals for which he fought. The Embassy was asked to participate, on June 14, in a program devoted to Senator Kennedy's life.

8. Some Catholic churches on the island had some sort of prayers or memorial service for the late Senator. The tragedy was also mentioned from the pulpit

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of Protestant churches on Sunday, June 9. The Embassy has received, at this writing, 35 letters and cards of condolence as well as many oral expressions of condolence given to individual staff members of the Embassy. On Sunday, June 9, there was a Catholic Requiem Mass aboard the USS SHENANDOAH, presently in Grand Harbor, for the officers and men of the U.S. Navy ships. The chapel of Villa Monsignor Gonzi, located in Siggiewi, will on June 15 hold a mass for Robert Kennedy to demonstrate that it "associates itself with the American people in the Kennedy tragedy" and as a sign of gratitude for previous help given the chapel by Americans.

9. Flags on U.S. Government buildings were, of course, lowered to half mast when news of the Senator's death was received through VOA channels. (U.S. Navy ships already had their flags lowered in tribute to the crew of the lost USS SCORPION). In tribute to Senator Kennedy, a number of other foreign Embassies as well as Headquarters, NAVSOUTH, lowered their flags to half mast. Flags on private Maltese commercial establishments and homes were also lowered, and some shopkeepers put a picture of the Senator draped in crepe in their windows. The Queen's Birthday activities were held as scheduled in Malta on June 8; however, the Governor General directed that flags on all official buildings be put at half mast on Sunday, June 9, the day designated by President Johnson as a day of mourning.

10. On June 11 Senator Robert Kennedy was chosen by the Cana Movement as the symbol and model father for this year's Father's Day which is being celebrated June 16. There is already a memorial in Malta, a garden and circular pillars, to the late President John F. Kennedy. Some Maltese have suggested that a plaque also be established there to the memory of Robert Kennedy.

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CROSS-SECTION OF VIEWPOINTS IN
MALTESE-LANGUAGE PRESS

Iz-Zmien (June 6)

History teaches us that great statesmen of progressive sentiments who work and make sacrifices for their country and for humanity run the risk of being continually threatened by such savage and cowardly acts. This risk is greater in the United States where there apparently still is a great movement against racial equality in regard to civil rights.

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L-Orizzont (June 6)

It may be that Senator Kennedy has suffered because of his ideal to improve the lot of the poor and the negroes.

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Il-Haddiem (June 6)

The attempt on Bob Kennedy's life was motivated either by madness or fanaticism. We very much fear that fanaticism and prejudice existing amongst a great section of white people in America are responsible for the two nefarious acts perpetrated in 1968.

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Il-Berqa (June 6)

Incidents such as the murder of the Kennedys and of M. L. King have unfavorable repercussions on the prestige of the American people in their relations with other nations.

A reaction against the American Government and people may arise here in Malta because of this incident. While condemning such illegal actions, we must keep a sense of proportion and not also accuse a system of Government.

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Dr. Herbert Ganado writing in
Lehen-Is-Sewwa (June 8)

If the millions who had hopes in the reforms of the Kennedy brothers and in the apostolate of Luther King should lose hope, the world can in a very short time experience some ugly hours.

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Lehen-Is-Sewwa (June 8)

The extermination of political leaders by pistol shots not only results in a lessening of democracy, it may also scare the best people in the world from taking an active part in politics.

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Dr. Joe Micallef-Stafrace (MP MLP) writing in
It-Torca (June 9)

America is today presented before the world wherein no politician or other distinguished figure is certain of not being assassinated.

America is being presented as a nation of gangsters. A country full of corruption. A country of unbridled capitalism where you can never be sure that you have before you a genuine and sincere opinion. A Country without a soul.

Let us hope that those leaders in America who have so far escaped the bullet will understand that what Robert Kennedy stood for is still there, even though may be by the elimination of Kennedy and of Luther King there is not a sufficiently strong and respected voice to keep these ideals continually before America and the world public opinion.

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Toni Farrugia writing in
It-Torca (June 9)

We accuse the American people with corruption and intolerance. The soul of the country is rotten.

With the burial of Robert F. Kennedy the world has also buried its every hope that the nation, calling itself the greatest champion of democracy, can by just means solve the racial problems which are exhausting it and spare many of its families the suffering they are experiencing because of a war in which they are unnecessarily involved.

Only if America can fulfill all that JFK, MLK and RFK died for can the world forgive, if not forget, America's deficiencies.

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It-Torca (June 9)

It would be naive in the extreme to believe that President Kennedy's assassin acted on his own. And now this Palestinian who has shot Senator Kennedy has done so "for his country."

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In spite of its acknowledged efficiency, the American Secret Service did not discover the reason for John Kennedy's assassination and maybe they will not find out why this Palestinian who has been in the United States eleven years has perpetrated this barbarous crime. Maybe, if the real reason does come out, the world will be scandalized even more.

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Leli Zammit writing in
Iz-Zmien (June 10)

America is a sick country. It is paralysed by fear and full of indecisions. Violence is dominating American life. This is having disastrous repercussions. It was no surprise consequently that Senator Kennedy should be a victim of a senseless act of violence. Such acts are part and parcel of everyday life in America.

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Lehen-is-Sewwa (June 11)

On Saturday, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Saint Susanna alle Terme, Rome, Archbishop Martin O'Connor, Apostolic Nuncio for Malta, celebrated a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Robert Kennedy for the personnel of the United States Embassy and for Americans residing in Rome.

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Lehen-is-Sewwa (June 11)

It would be most appropriate if a dignified plaque be placed at the Kennedy grove in memory of Robert Kennedy.

I wish also to suggest to the American Embassy in Malta to organize a Requiem Mass for the late Senator's soul.

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Paul Carachi MP writing in
L-Orizzont (June 11)

Even though the exaggerated ease with which firearms are bought and sold contributed enormously towards a perpetration of a crime, the principal cause is to be found in unbridled passions which emerge and grow in man; foremost among these sentiments are envy, hatred, thirst for power and money.

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Lehen-is-Sewwa (June 11)

Who knows what Robert Kennedy had in his mind? His many speeches indicated he had several fine projects to fulfill for the benefit of his country and in particular for the poor and for large families. These hopes have now vanished into thin air, as a result of violence, which has again dealt American political life a terrible blow

BOB KENNEDY SHOT

Assassination attempt during victory rally

Kennedy wins vital election

LOS ANGELES, June 5. Senator Robert Kennedy, drawing large support from populous Southern California, today swept to victory over Senator Eugene McCarthy in the vital California Primary Election.

Both the National Broadcasting Company and Columbia Broadcasting System projected Senator Kennedy as the winner with a comfortable margin.

Mr. Kennedy, who trailed in early returns, gained an avalanche of votes from negroes, Mexican-Americans and other ethnic minorities from whom he has drawn the bulk of his support from across the nation.

His triumph here restored his political standing, which had been damaged by defeat by Senator McCarthy in the Oregon Primary Election last week.

It also put him in the running again in his struggle with Senator McCarthy for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

(Reuter's Service)

● SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WAS SHOT IN HIS CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS HERE TONIGHT MINUTES AFTER WINNING THE STRATEGIC CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

LOS ANGELES, JUNE 5.

Screams of "get a doctor for the Senator" were heard coming from the room in which Mr. Kennedy a few moments earlier had addressed his supporters after learning he had won the California Primary Election.

One eyewitness said he believed the Senator was shot in the rear of the neck.

Other reports said he had received shots in the head or the hip.

Stephen Smith, Kennedy's brother-in-law, was also reportedly wounded in the gunfire.

Men and women, joyful only seconds before, shook with tears as they were herded out of the Celebration Room.

"Oh my God, oh my God", they yelled. Kennedy was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital. He was apparently shot three times.

Ron Schulman, a television technician, said Senator Kennedy was walking out of the ballroom and into the hotel kitchen when a man stepped out of the crowd and fired.

Kennedy's bodyguard shot back and the assailant was hit in the leg.

He was reported to have been taken into custody immediately by police.

Three doctors rushed to Kennedy's assistance and the Senator was carried to the ambulance.

"A mad man"

Another sobbing eyewitness, an unidentified man, screamed: "It was a mad man."

He said that as he passed by, the Senator seemed to be alive.

The Senator's wife, Ethel, who is expecting her 11th child, knelt by her husband before he was taken to hospital. Her face was frozen with shock.

Eye-witnesses said the assailant fired four or five shots in rapid succession from a small gun, presumably a pistol.

A number of eye-witnesses said Senator Kennedy mumbled a few words as he was being carried to the ambulance at the front of the hotel.

While in the kitchen where he was taken later the shooting, Senator Kennedy asked: "is everybody safe?"

Witnesses said the Senator's one eye was closed and the other blinking.

Doctors at the City Hospital said his condition was "critical."

Police seized two men as the campaign room in the Ambassador Hotel here erupted in wild scenes and confused shouting.

Police said the hotel was

immediately surrounded by Law Enforcement Officers following the shooting.

First reports said they also held a short dark-haired youth detained by Kennedy aides near a kitchen in the hotel.

People clawed and screamed at the arrested youth and seemed ready to tear him away from the police.

Pools of blood soaked the concrete floor by the kitchen entrance.

The eyewitness' accounts of the shooting were wildly conflicting. Some said that they had seen as many as three other people carried away on stretchers

Latest:

Senator Kennedy's Press Secretary, Mr. Frank Manikiewicz, told reporters his condition was very critical.

Senator Kennedy was first taken to the Los Angeles Central Emergency receiving station and soon afterwards transferred to the Samaritan Hospital, with a bottle of blood plasma suspended above the stretcher.

A tragic history of assassinations of top American political figures

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The assassination of President Lincoln in 1865 began a tragic history of assassinations of top American political figures.

THREE AMERICAN PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE THE DRAMATIC NIGHT IN FORD'S THEATRE, WASHINGTON — THE LATEST WAS JOHN F. KENNEDY, 98 YEARS LATER IN DALLAS.

Other Presidents, such as Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman had narrow escapes. Many top American figures outside the White House, including negro leader Martin Luther King, have also been assassinated.

Throughout the political assassinations, going back to Lincoln, there has been agitation for tighter laws on the licensing of guns. Both the Federal and State Governments have made efforts to control the sale of lethal weapons. But even after the shooting of President

House, President Truman's temporary residence during renovation of the White House, but failed to reach the President. Three guards were shot, one fatally.

The Secret Service men who protect the President, Vice-President and his family are also in daily danger of being shot. And so are all people who ride in the presidential cavalcade.

The fatal shooting of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963, almost cost the life of Texas Governor John Connally, who later recovered from serious bullet wounds.

Other political figures since 1865 who were assassinated include U.S. Senator Huey Long of Louisiana (1935), negro (black Muslim) leader Malcolm X (1965), Nazi leader Lincoln Rockwell (1957) and Martin Luther King on April 4, 1968.

Kennedy, the new gun laws have proved ineffective.

The second U.S. President to be assassinated was James Garfield in 1881. Just 20 years later, President William McKinley was shot during a visit to Buffalo, New York.

This led to a theory that American Presidents are assassinated about every 20 years — or at least an attempt has been made on their lives.

President Warren Harding died under mysterious circumstances in San Francisco 22 years after McKinley's death. There were allegations — never proved — that the former Middle-West publisher had been poisoned.

In 1933, there was an attempt on Roosevelt's life in Miami, Florida. The bullet missed him but Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago, who was riding with the President, was killed.

In 1950, three Puerto Rican nationalists broke into Blair

Flashback to November 1963, President John F. Kennedy (arrowed) grasps his chest after being shot in Dallas during a parade.



"Like a brother to me"

LOS ANGELES June 5.

Charles Evers, brother of negro leader Medgar Evers, another assassination victim of recent years, was with Senator Kennedy on the victory rostrum shortly before today's shooting.

"The Senator was like a brother to me. I believe he was going to do what is right for all the people," Evers told reporters.

TRAGEDY — PART OF KENNEDY FAMILY'S HISTORY

Tragedy as well as success has been part of the Kennedy family's history. Yesterday's attempt on the life of Robert Kennedy came only four and a half years after the assassination of his brother, President John F. Kennedy.

The first blow was the death of Joseph Kennedy junior, eldest son of Mr.

Joseph Kennedy and his wife Rose, on a wartime flying mission from Britain in 1944.

A month later, the Marquis of Hartington, husband of Kathleen Kennedy, was killed in action in France.

Then Kathleen herself was killed in a plane crash in France in 1948.

In August, 1962, President Kennedy's son, Patrick Bouvier, died two days after

his premature birth. Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy had previously lost two babies in miscarriages.

President Kennedy was shot dead as he drove in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

The Kennedy family has long borne another sorrow in that Rosemary, one of the five daughters, has been in an institution for the mentally retarded for many years.

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SPARAW GĦAL ROBERT KENNEDY

Rebaħ l-Elezzjoni u f'periklu li jitlef haġtu

Is-Senatur Robert Kennedy, hu l-mejjet John Kennedy qiegħed jiġġieled għal haġtu wara attentat ta' qtil li sar fuqu waqt li kien qed iħabbar ir-rebħa tiegħu fl-elezzjoni primarja tal-Kalifornja. Dak li għamel l-attentat spara erba' ko'pi li tnejn minnhom laqtu lis-Senatur f'rasu u f'ġenbu.

Robert Kennedy kien meħud fl-isptar ta' Los Angeles fejn sa x'hin morna għall-istampa kien jinsab f'kondizzjoni kritika u f'periklu li jitlef haġtu. Robert Kennedy hu miżżewweġ u għandu 11-il tifel u tifla.

Kien hemm rapporti li l-isparar infetħ fuq is-Senatur kif spiċċa jannunzja ir-rebħa tiegħu fuq l-avversarju politiku tiegħu Eugene McCarthy fl-Istat tal-Kalifornja. Ir-rebħa tiegħu giet wara li fl-ewwel għadd ta' l-elezzjonijiet McCarthy kien qed iġhaddih, bil-vot li kien

ingabar mill-inħawi agrikoli tal-pajjiż. Izda minn Los Angeles Kennedy assigura r-rebħa.

Din ir-rebħa kienet mgħaqqa ma' rebħa kbira li għamel illum ukoll fl-istat ta' Dakota fejn il-viċi-president Hubert Humphrey li hu minn dan l-istat irnexxielu jiġi t-tieni, wara Bobby Kennedy. McCarthy gie t-tielet f'dan l-istat.

Skond rapporti li waslu dalghodu ngħad li persuni ġew feruti fl-istess attentat. Hames snin ilu John Kennedy kien maqtul f'attentat simili.

Ir-Radjo Vatikan waqt li habbar l-attentat li hasad lid-dinja kollha kkummenta li hu ta' min jikkundanna bil-qawwa kollha dawn l-atti ta' vjolenza li jmorru kontra t-tagħlim tal-Papa li sostna li dawn il-metodi huma ta' tfixkil għat-triq tal-paċi.

Kulhadd qed jistenna b'ansjetà kbira aktar aħbarijiet fuq l-istat kritiku tal-midrub, u hu ttamat li ma jibqax hu wkoll vittma tragika ta' din l-assurdità vjolenti.



ROBERT KENNEDY U MARTU ETHEL WAQT L-ELEZZJONI PRIMARJA TAL-KALIFORNJA

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Is-Senatur Robert Kennedy f'kundizzjoni gravissima

Mitlub plegg ta' kwart ta' miljun dollaru

Los Angeles, l-Erbqha

Is-senatur Robert Kennedy, li qhadu f'kundizzjoni mill-aktar kritika, jinsab taht kura u osservazzjoni kontinwa fl-isptar ta' Los Angeles. F'operazzjoni ta' emergenza li damet sejra tliet sigħat fuq il-mohh tas-senatur il-grupp ta' tobba li hemm jikkurawh nehhew il-bullets kollha, minbarra xi frak, li dahlu f'ras Kennedy. Bullet oħra qhalissa thalliet fuq in-naħa ta' wara ta' qonqu.

It-thabbat tal-qalb u tal-polz jinsab tajjeb u qiegħed jiehu n-nifs mingħajr għajnuna artifiċjali. Izda kelliemi għall-isptar qal li s-senatur Kennedy tilef hafna demm u s-36 siegħa li jmiss se jkun kritiċi hafna.

Raġel ta' tlieta u għoxrin sena, Sehan Serhan, ġie akkużat bl-attentat tal-qtil tas-senatur Kennedy. Il-pulizija qalu li dan twield fis-settur għarbi ta' Gerusalem, izda n-nazzjonalita' prezenti mhix magħrufa. Huwa kien qiegħed iġix f'California u tnejn min-nies għarfuh. Huwa deher għal ftit tal-ħin quddiem il-qorti u niqallu li jekk irid joħroġ bi plegg irid iħallas kwart ta' miljun dollaru. Huwa issa jinsab taht għassa stretta. Qegħda tittiehed kull prekawzjoni biex ma jigrix bħal ma gara ħil-assassin tal-president John F. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald, li ġie maqtul b' tiri minn sid ta' club f'Dallas. L-akkużat ġie rrapportat li għajjat li għamel dan l-att

"għall-pajjiżu". Jingħad li huwa jqis lilu nnifsu bħala ġordaniż.

Huwa rrapportat ukoll li l-imghalliem ta' l-akkużat qal li l-impjegat tiegħu jinsab dispiċut hafna għat-telfa ta' l-għarab fil-gwerra tal-lvant nofsani. Is-senatur Kennedy sena ilu — meta bdiet il-gwerra bejn il-lhud u l-għarab — kien għamel sejha biex jinbiegħu jet-fighters amerikani lil Izrael.

L-attorney general ta' l-Amerika qal li s'issa m'hemm l-ebda xieħda li dan l-attentat kien imexxi minn xi kumplott.

Is-senatur Kennedy ġie milqut b'tiri f'ħukanda f'Los Angeles fejn il-partitarji tiegħu kienu qegħdin jiċcelebraw ir-rebħa tiegħu fuq is-

senatur Eugene McCarthy f'elezzjonijiet primarji f'California għan-nominazzjoni tal-partit demokratiku għall-elezzjonijiet presidenzjali.

Waqt li kien ħiereġ mis-sala taż-żfin ta' din il-lukanda — fejn thabbru r-riżultati — is-senatur Kennedy deher jiehu b'idejn il-purtier. F'daqqa wahda raġel għola minn mal-folla u deher jisparra erba' tiri. Huwa laqat lis-senatur Kennedy u tlieta oħra li kienu madwaru.



Kennedy waqa' mill-ewwel fl-art. Beda ħiereġ hafna demm li beda jcarcar ma' wiċċ is-senatur. Huwa rrapportat li waqt li kien mitluq fl-art is-senatur Kennedy beda jistaqsi jekk hux kulhadd sew.

Malajr ġew imsejġhin it-tobba u hadu lis-senatur Kennedy dritt lejn l-isptar għal operazzjoni ta' emergenza.

Fis-sala tal-lukanda qamgħet agha kbira. Kien hemm xeni mill-aktar kommoventi u mqanqlin. Mill-ewwel

ġie maqbud dak li spara u l-folla marret għal fuqu biex tagħmel għalih. Fost hafna għajjat, twerzieq u biki, dak li pprova joqtol lil Kennedy ġie meħud mill-pulizija.

L-aħbar ta' dan l-attentat mill-ewwel xterdet ma' l-Amerika u d-dinja kollha. Il-kandidati demokratiku u republikan hassru għalissa l-kampanja tagħhom ta' l-elezzjoni.

Il-president Johnson ordna lis-Secret Service — li jip-

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Robert Kennedy f'Qagħda Kritika Wara Attentat Fuq Hajtu

LOS ANGELES, il-Erbgha.

Is-Senatur Robert Kennedy, li rebaħ żewġ elezzjonijiet primarji, dik ta' Kalifornja u ta' South Dakota, il-lejla kien għadu f'kundizzjoni kritika wara attentat fuq hajtu fl-Ambassador Hotel 10 minuti wara nofs il-fejl hawnhekk. Wara operazzjoni ta' tliet sigħat li spiċċat fis-6 a.m., kelliemi għas-Senatur qal li l-grupp ta' sitt speċjalisti neħfiew kollox barra tifrika żgħira minn balla .22.

Ballu oħra se tibqa' fin-naħa ta' wara ta' għonqu fejn se tibqa' għalissa. L-istess kelliemi qal li Kennedy tilef hafna demm u s-36 siegħa wara l-operazzjoni jkun l-aktar kriki.

Kif gie mdahhal l-Ispitar tas-Samaritan it-Tajeb, is-Senatur Kennedy irċieva l-Grizma tal-Morda.

Martu Ethel, li qed tistenna l-11-il tarbija f'Jannar 1969 kienet il-hin kollu miegħu.

Mifi-operazzjoni rriżulta li ċ-ċentri tal-mohħ ma ntnesewx. Is-Senatur Kennedy wara beda jiehu n-nifs wahdu, waqt li qabel kien qed jiehdu bl-ossigenu. In-nifs tiegħu u l-qalb jinsabu tajbin.

Il-Pulizija ta' Los Angeles akkużaw raġel li nstab li jismu Shiran Bishara Sirtan mwieded fil-parti għarbi ta' Ġerusalem u joqgħod f'Pasadena, Kalifornia, b'attentat ta' qtil tas-Senatur Kennedy.

Il-liberta' provizorja tista' tingħata taħt plegg ta' kwart ta' miljun dollaru.

Mr. Ramsey Clark, l-Attorney General, qal li s'issa ma hemmx xhieda li l-isparar kien riżultat ta' kumplot.

L-aħħar kliem ta' Kennedy qabel l-isparar kien: "Dan ir-riżultat jurina li nistghu naħd-

mu flimkien. Nistghu nibdew naħdmu flimkien. Ahna paċiż kbir, ma naħsbux fina biss, ahna paċiż li jahseb fl-oħrajn, jien irrid naghmlkom hekk..." (ċapċip kbir).

Is-Senatur Kennedy gie ferut kif kien se jhalli s-sala. Hu resaq lejn waiter u hadu

gel mil-lukanda l-pubbliku be-da jghajjat: "Oqtluh, Għallquh."

Żewġ haddiema tax-xandir, uffiċjal trade unjonistiku u mara sfaw feruti iżda mhux gravi daqs Kennedy.

Il-President Johnson qal: "Ma hemm l-ebda kliem li

kien qed jopponih. Humphrey gie t-tieni u McCarthy gie t-tielet.

Kif ngħatat l-aħbar il-ġenituri ta' Kennedy f'Massachusetts hadu xokk kbir u d-dar tas-Senatur giet imdawwra bil-pulizija. Is-Senatur Edward Kennedy telaq malajr lejn l-isptar f'Los Angeles.

Is-Senatur McCarthy, ġabar lill-mexxejja tal-kampanja tiegħu u talbu flimkien għas-Senatur ferut. Hu ppospona l-kampanja elettorali tiegħu. Is-Senatur Humphrey ukoll offra l-talb għallih.

L-aħħar aħbar kienet tgħid li jekk Kennedy jibqa haj jista' jgħama iżda jibqa jikkellem.

Ir-reazzjoni mondjali:

LONDRA: Mr. H. Wilson, il-Prim Ministru, b'għat me-sagg ta' simpatija lil Mrs. Kennedy.

VATIKAN: Il-Papa Pawlu qal li r-rabja li gab dan l-attentat għandha jkollha wara determinazzjoni għall-qerda tal-metodi ta' vjolenza u qtil.

CANBERRA: Mr. Gorton, il-Prim Ministru, qal li wiehed ihossu hażin meta jisma b'dawn l-affarijiet.

OTTAWA: Il-Prim Ministru Mr. Trudeau qal li hu

IT-TRAGEDIJ TAL-FAMILJA KENNEDY

Fil-familja Kennedy hemm lista twila ta' tragedji u disgrazzji li swew ta' tahrig iebes fl-ispirtu ta' kuraġġ li tant deher l-ewwel f'Jack, l-ex-President, u issa f'Bob.

Oht Bobby, Rosemary, twieldet mentalment inkap-aci-tata.

Fl-1944 huh, Joseph, miet meta l-ajruplan li kien fuq sploda.

Fl-1948 ohtu, Kathleen Kennedy Barrington, mietet meta l-ajruplan li kienet fuq kkraxxa.

Fl-1955, il-kunjati tiegħu, Mr. u Mrs. G. Skakel, mietu f'incident ta' l-ajru.

Fl-1963 huh, il-President John F. Kennedy, miet b'tiri ta' rifle f'Dallas.

Fl-1964, huh, Edward, safa midrub gravi f'incident ieh-or ta' l-ajru.

Missieru, l-ex-ambaxxatur Joseph Kennedy, jinsab par-alizzat wara diversi attakki.

Fl-1966, Dean Markham, l-egħżēz habib ta' Bob, miet f'disgrazzja oħra ta' l-ajru.

twerwer mal-aħbar.

KUALA LUMPUR: It-Tunku Abdul Rahman, il-Prim Ministru Malasjan qal li l-grajja kienet "haġa ta' mist-hija".

NAIROBI: Il-President Kenyatta tal-Kenya u l-President Kaunda ta' Zambja qalu li din kienet grajja tal-biza'.

F'MALTA.....

Il-Prim Ministru Dr. G Borg Olivier bagħat dan it-teleg-ramm lil Mrs. R. Kennedy:

"Imnikket hafna għall-aħ-bar tal-biza tal-attentat fuq il-hajja tas-Senatur Kennedy. Il-Gvern u Malta kollha jibgħatu xewqat sinċieri u joffri minn qalbhom it-talb għall-fejqsan tiegħu".

Il-Prim Ministru ikkumenta:

"L-aħbar, tant orribli u mhux mistennija, sewditli qal-bi hafna. Att brutali ta' bniedem wiehed kexkex id-dinja kollha. Bħalissa nistghu biss nittamaw u nitolbu".

Mr. Chester Beaman, id-Deputat Kap ta' Missjoni Amerikana qal li huma jingħaqqu ma l-istqarrija tal-President Johnson u jhossuhom ixxuk-ati.

Bosta bahrin Amerikani dal-ghodu kienu qegħdin jippasig-gaw fi Triq Irjali u kif semgħu l-aħbar baqgħu xxukjati. Bosta Maltin baqgħu ssummati ma l-aħbar.

Il-hinijiet huma Amerikani li jigu disa' sigħat qabel il-hin ta' Malta.

ROBERT KENNEDY FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE

YOUNG ASSAILANT CHARGED WITH

LOS ANGELES,
June 5.

(Reuter's Service)

Senator Robert Kennedy was in an "extremely critical" condition after a three-hour emergency operation during which a bullet was removed from his brain, one of his aides said tonight.

Kennedy Aide Frank Mankiewicz said all but one fragment of the bullet had been removed from Senator Kennedy's head. The Senator had lost a considerable amount of blood as a result of the bullet, which passed through the mastoid bone on the right side of his head. The doctors said the next 12 to 36 hours would be a very critical period.

Doctors fought to save the life of Kennedy.

The 42-year-old Senator who was gunned down by a swarthy, wild-eyed youth as he emerged from making a speech celebrating a runaway victory in the California primary election, lay in the Catholic Good Samaritan Hospital in a critical condition.

A huge grieving crowd gathered outside the hospital as a team of six surgeons prepared to operate. The Last Rites were administered soon after the Senator's arrival at the Hospital.

The assassin struck as Senator Kennedy emerged from the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel after making a speech celebrating his California primary victory over Senator Eugene McCarthy, his rival for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination.

The man stepped out from among the throng of supporters trying to mob the Senator and blazed away with his revolver, firing all eight bullets in the chamber.

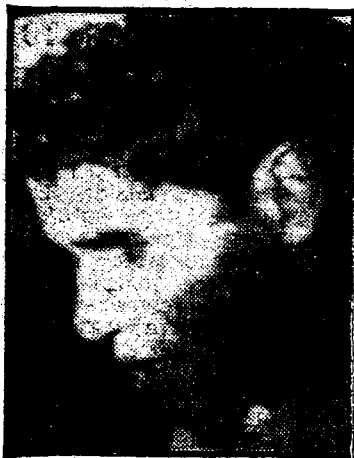
The Senator was hit by two bullets — one in the right side of the head and the other in the shoulder — and fell to the ground, silent and bleeding profusely.

The assassination attempt took place with stunning suddenness.

The gunman emptied his eight-chamber revolver and wounded five other bystanders before he was overpowered and dragged away through hysterical, sobbing Kennedy supporters who clawed at him, shouting: "Kill him, kill him."

The second medical bulletin on the condition of Senator Robert Kennedy said tonight tests showed "no measurable improvement" in his extremely critical condition.

Doctor Henry Cuneo, one of the surgeons who operated on Senator Robert Kennedy, was reliably quoted tonight as saying that Kennedy "might not make it" in his fight for survival.



While Senator Kennedy lay in hospital in a critical condition from shot wounds to the head and neck, the Los Angeles authorities named his suspected assailant as Sirhan Sirhan (above).

Police said that according to their files Sirhan was born in the former Jordanian sector of Jerusalem, but they had no idea what his nationality might be.

Sirhan's identity was disclosed at a Press conference held by Mayor Samuel Yorty and Police Chief Tom Reddin, who said Sirhan, aged 23, lived in Pasadena.

Sirhan's brother, Joe, was being questioned by Police Authorities voluntarily but Sirhan himself still refused to discuss the incident.

Police Chief Reddin displayed a photograph showing the dark clothes Sirhan was wearing when arrested.

Police said they had cleared the owner of a car whose key had been found in Sirhan's possession. A gun, an eight shot .22 revolver taken from the suspect, was not registered in his name.

The suspect also carried a derogatory news clipping about Senator Kennedy.

Sirhan is being charged on six counts of assault with intent to murder.

The assailant was disarmed by Los Angeles professional footballer Rosie Greer, according to Police Chief Reddin.

He was helped by fellow Negro athlete Rafer Johnson, former Olympic decathlon champion.

An eye-witness said the swarthy, dark-haired gunman shouted "I did it for my country" after shooting.

ASSAULT TO COMMIT MURDER

World reaction

The shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy sent a wave of incredulous shock round the world today (Wednesday).

Australian Prime Minister John Gorton summed up what millions felt when he commented in Canberra: "What can one say when a man who has had his brother assassinated is attacked in this brutal way?"

A tearful reaction came from a Negro in Los Angeles, who cried out: "What's the use us trying? What's the use?"

At the Vatican, a spokesman for the Pope expressed great sorrow at the news of the shooting.

In Rome Italian President Giuseppe Saragat condemned the shooting as "wicked and cowardly."

In Athens, Greek Prime Minister George Papadopoulos, called Senator Kennedy wishing him a speedy recovery.

In Paris, Senator Kennedy's sister Eunice, wife of the new U.S. Ambassador to France, Mr. Sargent Shriver, made several calls to Los Angeles for the latest information on his condition.

Also in Paris is Mrs. Edward Kennedy, Robert's sister-in-law. She is staying with the Shrivers.

President Johnson today described Senator Robert Kennedy's shooting as a tragedy, and said all America was praying for his recovery.

"We also pray divisiveness and violence be driven from the hearts of men everywhere," he added in a statement.

From Moscow the Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia" said tonight that Senator Robert Kennedy had fallen victim of a society of violence where "man is wolf to man."

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and her sister flew to Los Angeles on hearing the news.



A dramatic photograph of Senator Robert Kennedy as relayed by satellite and screened in a news bulletin of RAI-TV a few hours after the shooting. Rosary beads lie on Senator Kennedy's chest.

PRIME MINISTER'S CABLE TO MRS. KENNEDY

The Prime Minister, Dr. G. Borg Olivier, sent the following message to Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

"Deeply grieved at shocking news of attempt on Senator Kennedy's life. Government and all Malta send sincere wishes and offer heartfelt prayers for his recovery."

The Prime Minister said yesterday that the news was horrible and unexpected and has saddened him very deeply. "A brutal act of one man has shocked the whole world. We can now only hope and pray." Dr. Borg Olivier added.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1968

Horrible event ^{Wee}

THE UNITED STATES and the entire world were shocked yesterday at the news of the cowardly, cold blooded assassination attempt of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles, California, which has more than its fair share of minorities and extremists of different colours and creed. Kennedy, who aspires to secure the Democratic nomination in the coming Presidential elections, was critically wounded by a swarthy gunman moments after he claimed victory over fellow pacifist Senator Eugene McCarthy in the California Democratic primary election.

The shots that hit the Senator echoed around the world causing shock and sadness. In the Vatican, aides said Pope Paul VI was "shocked and deeply saddened ... by this horrible event." President Giuseppe Saragat of Italy described the attempt as "wicked and vile" and Kurt Georg Kiesinger of West Germany labelled it a "despicable crime". Tunku Abdul Rahman of Malaysia said it was "disgraceful".

(The attempt came less than five years after the irrational forces which undermine American society had struck at another member of the Kennedy family.) President John F. Kennedy was at the pinnacle of his inspiring career when he was shot in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, in circumstances which until this very day are shrouded in mystery and confusion.

It is also two months since the moderate leader of American Negroes Dr Martin Luther King fell victim to the sniper's bullets in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr King was a Nobel Prize winner whose slogan was non-violence.

Senator Kennedy is looked at by the White middle-class radicals and the growing army of discontented students as a politician in the worst sense of the word: cynical, ruthless and calculating. To the paranoid Right-wingers he is the greatest enemy, the embodiment of all that they hated in his late brother.

But to the poor and under-privileged, the submerged third of American society, he is their champion and hope. Wherever he has campaigned he has won increasing support from the East Europeans, Spanish-Americans, Mexicans, Negroes and other financially-oppressed minorities.

As Attorney General in the eventful Kennedy Administration, Robert Kennedy assisted his brother in using the full force of the executive power to end discrimination in education, in voting and in housing. To this end, he still strives. Moreover, he regards poverty and unemployment as great a national scandal as segregation.

Kennedy's assassination attempt is as shocking as the killing of President Kennedy and as revolting as that of Martin Luther King. It is an act, which as Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen said, emphasises the lawlessness which grips America. It is an act condemned by all, causing consternation and sadness.

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ROBERT KENNEDY FIGHTS FOR LIFE

SENATOR Robert F. Kennedy was fighting for his life today in Good Samaritan Hospital after being shot in the head as he left a jubilant election victory celebration. After a brain operation lasting nearly four hours doctors said his condition encouraged hope he would recover, but his Press Aide said later he was in "extremely critical condition" and the next 12 to 36 hours "will be critical."

The 42-year-old brother of the late President Kennedy was shot from about three feet away by a man identified as Sirhan Sirhan of Pasadena and recently of Jerusalem. He was abducted by three Kennedy aides — but not until he had emptied eight bullets from a .22 calibre revolver toward the Senator. One of the team of doctors who had just claimed victory in the California primary, were wounded. Kennedy's wife Ethel, who is expecting their 11th child, was not hurt. She bent over her husband as he lay bleeding from the wound near his right ear and another in his shoulder, whispering to him and trying to

Dr Henry Cuneo, who assisted in the three-hour operation over Senator Kennedy, said the Senator's brain had suffered extensive loss of blood and oxygen as well as several blood clots. Cuneo said Kennedy also suffered injuries to the spinal cord.

A spokesman from Beverly Hills, where Senator Kennedy is in hospital, said the brain injuries were much worse than at first thought.

The spokesman continued that the bullet which entered Kennedy's head carried fragments of bones with it and itself broke up. He continued that an important artery had been torn.

Five other persons in the surging crowd around the victorious Presidential candidate,

console him just as Jacqueline Kennedy had bent over her husband in a Dallas convertible in 1963 when he was assassinated.

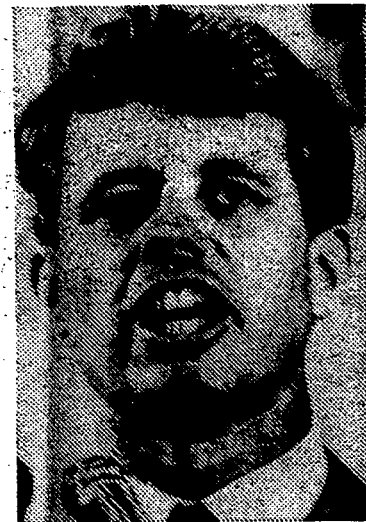
Kennedy was taken by ambulance to the Central Receiving Hospital where the examining physician, Dr Victor Baz, first believed he was dead. He slapped him on the face, saying "Bob, Bob," and the wounded Kennedy stirred.

Kennedy was then switch-

ed to the Good Samaritan hospital.

President Lyndon Johnson, awakened at the White House shortly after the shooting at 12.20 a.m., ordered secret service agents immediately assigned to all candidates in the 1968 Presidential election.

The tragedy was stunning in its suddenness and the pandemonium which followed.



WORLD REACTION

VALLETTA — Prime Minister Dr Borg Olivier has sent a message to Mrs Ethel Kennedy saying: "Deeply grieved at shocking news of attempt on Senator Kennedy's life. Government and all Malta send sincere wishes and offer heartfelt prayers for his recovery." Dr Borg Olivier has said that the news, so horrible and unexpected, has saddened him very deeply. "A brutal act of one man has shocked the whole world. We can now only hope and pray."

VATICAN CITY — Pope Paul VI has strongly deplored the attempt on the life of Senator Robert Kennedy and has prayed that "the means of violence and crime will be banished

from the world." Vatican sources said the Pope was "shocked and deeply saddened" by the news.

LONDON — Prime Minister and Mrs Harold Wilson have sent a personal message of deepest sympathy to Mrs Ethel Kennedy. The announcement of the message was made shortly after Foreign Secretary Michael Steward expressed "great shock and a sense of outrage at the news."

MOSCOW — Moscow Radio has blamed the shooting of Senator Kennedy on the "notorious freedom of Capitalist Society — the freedom to kill."

An unidentified commentator called the shooting a political crime. "The hawks in politicsresort sometimes to the service of hired assassins," he said.

UNITED NATIONS — General Secretary U Thant has expressed shock and distress at the news and said as he arrived at UN Headquarters: "I am praying for his speedy recovery."

CANBERRA — Australian Prime Minister Mr Gorton has said that the news of the attempt on Kennedy's life "has made my stomach turn."

STOCKHOLM — Swedish Foreign Minister Torsten Nilsson

has said the shooting shocked "the whole democratic world." The acts of violence that "apparently tend to spread in political life today are ominous and must be opposed."

PARIS — The French Cabinet has issued a statement "expressing our sympathy for Mr Kennedy and concern over the eventual consequences of this attack."

DUBLIN — President Eamon de Valera has sent a message to Senator Robert Kennedy's wife saying: "Deeply grieved to hear of the wicked attempt on your husband's life. May God spare him to you, his family and his country."

CAPETOWN — South African Prime Minister John Vorster has said of the shooting: "The incident is more than shocking and deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs Kennedy and her family."



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ACT OF VIOLENCE

World opinion was stunned yesterday morning as the news spread that an attempt had been made on the life of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, a Democratic candidate for the United States presidential election. On November 22, 1963, his brother, President JOHN KENNEDY, met his death by an assassin's bullet — a victim of violence, hatred and intolerance carried to the extreme.

ROBERT KENNEDY was shot through the ear and the bullet lodged in the brain. As he fell he was heard to ask, "Is everyone O.K.? Is everybody safe?" The attempt came after the Senator's victory in the California Primary Election.

It is a tragic paradox that in a country that has taken its place in recent years as the standard bearer of democratic principles, two brothers belonging to a family that has rendered outstanding service at home and abroad should be the targets of persons not subscribing to their opinions. On the other hand, the genuine shock caused by the Senator's Presidential rivals, including Senator MCCARTHY who immediately cancelled all electoral engagements and offered prayers at a special service held in his hotel, focuses attention on the better side of human nature. Messages of sympathy and condemnation similarly flowed in from most European capitals.

Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had a distinguished legal career and was successively Assistant Counsel of the Senate Permanent Sub-committee on Investigations; Chief Counsel under the Committee Chairman; and Attorney-General of the U.S. from 1961 to 1964 when he was elected Senator for New York State. There was an interruption in 1959 when ROBERT KENNEDY served as his brother's campaign manager in the presidential election.

The people of Malta, who form part of the world's democratic front, share in the condemnation of the act of violence and join in the prayers for the recovery of the victim.

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(A SAVAGE AND COWARDLY DEED) ATTENTAT SELVAGG U KODARD

L-AHBAR ta' l-attentat brutali ta' qtil fuq il-persuna simpatika u rispettata tas-senatur Robert Kennedy li waslet u griet fostna l-bierah fil-ghodu, hasdet u kexkxet lil kul hadd. Robert gie midrub gravament f'rasu u ftit wara saritlu operazzjoni li hadet fuq thiet sighet. Ghal-kemm il-polz u qalbu qeghdin ihabbtu regulari t-tobba qalu, skond ma gie mhabbar, li s-36 siegha ta' wara l-operazzjoni huma ghas-senatur Kennedy kritici kemm jista' jkun.

Minn dawn il-kolonne rridu nikkundannaw bl-akbar qawwa dan l-agir vjolenti selvagg u kodard kontra bniedem kuraggjuż b'ideali demokratici u progressivi. U meta qeghdin nesprimu rwiehna b'dan il-mod ninsabu zguri li qeghdin ninterpretaw is-sentiment tal-poplu malti li jemmnen bis-shih fil-liberta' tal-kelma u jistmerr b'qalbu kollha atti vjolenti malizzjużi u kodardi.

Ma din l-ahbar kerha dwar is-senatur Robert Kennedy, il-poplu malti, flimkien mad-dinja icivilizzata, ixokkja ruhu, tbikkem u hass l-akbar sens ta' moghdrija. Dan ghal diversi ragunijiet. L-ewwelnett ghax ghadha friska fil-memorja ta' kulhadd il-mewt kiefra li garrab huh il-president John F. Kennedy erba' snin u nofs ilu; it-tie, ni ghax Robert ghandu hafna meriti persunali tieghu.

Is-senatur Robert Kennedy huwa pulitiku sincier u kuraggjuż u qatt ma qaghad lura jew laqlaq biex publikament jesprimi l-fehmiet tieghu. F'dawn l-ahhar snin Robert kien wiehed mis-senaturi minn ta' quddiem biex jikkritika l-pulitika amerikana dwar il-gwerra fil-Vjetnam u huwa maghruf tajjeb bhala difensur tad-drittijiet civili tas-suwed.

Imma l-istorja tghallimna li nies kbar b'sentimenti progressivi li jahdmu u jissagrifikaw irwiehhom ghal nieshom u ghal-umanita', jiehdu r-riskju li jkun kontinwament imminaccjati minn attentati vijakki bhal dak li kexkex lid-dinja l-bierah. Dan ir-riskju huwa xi haga akbar fl-Amerika fejn donnu ghad hemm moviment qawwi kontra l-ugwaljanza tar-razzez fir-rigward tad-drittijiet civili.

Fil-waqt li mill-gdid nikkundannaw il-att selvagg li twettaq il-bierah kontra l-hajja ta' Robert Kennedy, ahna nestendu s-simpatija profonda taghna lejn il-familja u b'herqa kbira nittamaw ghal ahbarijiet tajbin dwar sahtu.

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ATTEMPT ON KENNEDY'S LIFE L-ATTENTAT FUQ IL-HAJJA TA' KENNEDY

IN-NIFS tad-dinja kollha waqaf għal ftit mumentanti l-bierah ma' l-ahbar kerha ta' l-attentat brutali ta' qtil fuq il-hajja tas-Senatur Amerikan Robert F. Kennedy f'California, fl-Istati Uniti ta' l-Amerika. Id-dinja kollha hadet xokk kbir u fl-istess waqt imtliet kollha kemm hi għadab kontra l-bniedem li wettaq din il-vjolenza hekk mill-agħar.

Robert Kennedy kien qed jikkontesta n-nominazzjoni presidenzjali tal-Partit Demokratiku għall-elezzjonijiet presidenzjali li għandhom isiru fl-Amerika f'Novembru li ġej. L-attentat fuq il-hajja tiegħu sar inqas minn hames snin wara l-assassinju ta' hui il-President John F. Kennedy fit-22 ta' Novembru, 1963.

L-ahbar ta' l-attentat fuq il-hajja tas-Senatur Kennedy għet meta l-Amerika u d-dinja kollha kienet għadha qed tistejjer mix-xokk kbir li hadet u tifli sewwa l-kuxjenza tagħha wara l-assassinju drammatiku ta' Dr Martin Luther King, il-mexxej kbir u moderat tas-suwed fl-Amerika, li temm ukoll hajtu b'tiri ta' xkubetta bħall-President Kennedy.

Is-Senatur Kennedy kien mahbub hafna fl-Amerika mill-fokra, mill-batuti, mill-morda, min-nies ta' ftit mezz u fuq kollox kien mahbub mis-suwed li għalihom iġġieled bis-shih, speċjalment meta kien Attorney General fl-amministrazzjoni ta' hui il-President Kennedy. Jista' jkun hemm il-possibiltà li huwa sofra minhabba dan l-ideal tiegħu li jgħib lill-fokra 'l quddiem u jgħieghed lis-suwed fil-post tagħhom fis-soċjeta' Amerikana.

Il-problema razzjali fl-Amerika hija xi haġa ta' l-għaġeb. Gabet magħha inkwiet kbir, storbi, irvellijiet, qtil, hsarat kbar fl-ibliet u halliet mejta fuq l-altar tas-sagrifiċċju suprem mexxejja kbar u ta' ispirazzjoni. Hija problema li ilha ġejja snin kbar u sa mill-bidu nett tagħha kienet swiet il-hajja tal-President Abraham Lincoln ta' l-Istati Uniti li kien ġie assassinat ukoll.

Mhux l-Amerika biss hija mifnija b'din il-problema razzjali imma wkoll għadd ta' pajjiżi oħra, speċjalment fl-Afrika. Din il-problema hija ġejja għaliex il-bnedmin għadhom ma għarfux li huma lkoll ahwa ġejjin minn Missier wieħed u mahluqin il-koll l-istess.

U mal-problema razzjali għandna wkoll il-problema ta' intolleranza kbira hejn pajjiż u iehor, twemmin politiku u iehor, twemmin reliġjuż u iehor. Dawn huma affarijiet li jżirgħu l-misbegħda, iġibu l-fanatizmu u mill-fanatizmu jishnu l-irjus, mohħ il-bniedem iġhama u jasal biex iwettaq attijiet brutali bħalma hu l-attentat fuq il-hajja tas-Senatur Kennedy. Izda j'Alla dan is-sagrifiċċju ma jkunx sar għalhejn u jasal biex iġieghel lill-bnedmin jigu f'sensihom.

THIS TIME IT'S BOB KENNEDY DID-DARBA BOB KENNEDY

L-arma ta' l-assassinju hija arma antika fl-Amerika. Izjed minn president wiehed qabel il-President Kennedy miet bid daqqa ta' xi qattiel. Izda li din l-arma ghadha qed tintuza f'żmenijietna, meta kullimkien tisma' l-ghajta ghat-tolleranza u r-rispett lejn il-fehmiet ta' xulxin, hija xi haġa li tkexxkek.

Din l-Amerika, li hafna jqisuha bhala l-art tad-demokrazija u l-liberta' u l-kenn ta' min jiġi persegwitat f'pajjiżu, qed is- l-art tal-fanatizmu u l-vjolenza, fejn l-ahjar nies taghha qed jaqgħu vittima tal-qattiel.

● Ta' 38 sena Robert Kennedy deher fir-ritratti u fuq it- television iwiežen lill-armila ta' huh, il-President, li miet assassinat f'Dallas, fl-eta' ta' 42 sena. U l-bierah, Robert, li għandu wkoll 42 sena, safa vittima hu stess fis-sala tal-lukanda Ambassador, f'Los Angeles, Kalifornja, proprju meta hu u l-partitarji tiegħu kienu qed jiċcelebraw ir-rebħa li kiseb fl-elezzjoni primarji tal-Partit Demokratiku f'dak l-istat.

Lil huh, Jack, ma hallewhx jibqa' jmessi l-Amerika bhala President u lil Bob ma jridhx lanqas biss jasal biex jitle' fl-istess kariga.

● Ahna ma nafux min hu dak il-guvni ta' 25 sena li ġie arrestat minnufih malli Bob Kennedy safa midrub f'rašu. Izda x'seta' għegħel lill-qattiel imur fost tant eluf ta' nies u jisparalu minn bogħod ta' 10 piedi biss? Jew il-genn inkella l-fanatizmu. Jekk kien il-genn il-każ jlehu aspett iehor. Imma wisq nibzghu li kien il-fanatizmu u l-preġudizzji li jeżistu fost sezzjoni kbira tal-bojod Amerikani li wassal għal dan l-att bla għeħ, li jtebba' l-isem ta' l-Amerika, diġa' mtebba' din is-sena bl-assassinju ta' Dr. Martin Luther King.

Tiskanta meta tisma' kemm hu qawwi l-fanatizmu tal-bojod fl-Amerika. Anke fost il-Kattoliċi Amerikani għad hemm min jasal għal kolloxx fil-preġudizzji tiegħu kontra s-suwed. M'hux deher rapport fil-gazzetta Ingliża "THE CATHOLIC HERALD" li jori x'reazzjoni kuntrarja għadha toflok kull mossa li ssir fost il-Kattoliċi favur is-suwed.

● Bob Kennedy kien iċ-champion ta' l-emancipazzjoni tas-suwed. Fil-kampanja elettorali, l-akbar għajta tiegħu kiġiet favur il-gustizzja soċjali li hemm bżonn issir mal-minoranzi li jeżistu fost il-popolazzjoni ta' l-Amerika: is-Suwed, l-Amerikani ta' nisel Messikan, l-emigranti minn Puerto Rico, l-Indjani u l-haddiema li jmorru minn naha għal ohra tal-Amerika jfittxu x-xogħol. Dawn il-kategoriji huma l-partitarji l-izjed devoti ta' Kennedy u ma nistagħgbux jekk hu ġibed l-akbar ostilita' fost l-fanataċi bojod li jqisuh bhala l-ghadu Nru. I tagħhom. Ir-rebħa li kiseb fil-Kalifornja kompliet tkabbar iċ-ċans li hu jasal fil-White House f'Novembru li ġej u għalhekk ġara l-każ tal-bierah f'Los Angeles.

● Dawn il-każi kollha, fl-Amerika u f'pajjiżi ohra, huma xhieda qawwi ta' kemm hemm bżonn issir kampanja fid-dinja kollha kontra l-preġudizzji u t-tixrid tal-mibegħda. Ma tistax tgħid fejn jasal min jiġi mrobbi fil-preġudizzji u l-mibegħda. Hemm bżonn li anke f'pajjiżna iċ-ċittadini jiġu mgħallma jagħrfu sew l-opinjoni ta' haddiehor permezz ta' użu għaqli tal-mezzi ta' komunikazzjoni li jinfluwenzaw il-massa bħat-television, ir-radju, il-gazzetti, il-meetings. Hemm bżonn li l-poplu jkollu izjed okkażjonijiet jisma' l-qampiena tan-naha l-ohra kemm fil-kamp reliġjuż kif ukoll fil-kamp politiku, ekonomiku, skolastiku eċc.

Hu proprju għalhekk li ninsabu mħassbin bil-mod kif qed isiru x-xandiriet politiċi fuq ir-Rediffusion u t-television lokali. Kemm ikun izjed edukattiv għall-poplu tagħna li jisma dibattiment bejn mexxejja politiċi diversi, jew konferenza stampa li fiha mexxej politiku jkollu jwieġeb għad-diffikultajiet tal-ġurnalisti — milli diskors ta' rappreżentant politiku li jithaddet wahdu bil-periklu li izjed isammar il-preġudizzji u l-fanatizmu tas-semmiegħa.

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ROBERT KENNEDY F'KUNDIZZJONI



Is-Senatur Robert F. Kennedy.

Ir-reazzjoni dinjija

VALLETTA, l-Erbgha.

F'MESSAGG mibghut mill-Prim Ministru Malti lil Mrs Kennedy huwa qal li kien f'ossu xxukkjat bl-ahbar ta' l-attentat fuq il-hajja tas-Senatur. Il-messagg ikompli jghid li l-Gvern u l-poplu Malti jibagħtu x-xewqat sinċieri tagħhom u joffru t-talb tagħhom għall-fejtan ta' malajr ta' Robert Kennedy.

● BELT TAL-VATIKAN, l-Erbgha. Il-Qdusija Tiegħu il-Papa Pawlu VI jinsab "soghbiien hafna u ixxukkjat" wara l-ahbar ta' l-attentat ta' qtil fuq Kennedy, imkejjien għolja tal-Vatikan qalu li Dawn l-istess imkejjien ikompli jghidu li l-Papa qiegħed jitlob għas-Senatur u huwa iddeplora bil-qawwa l-attentat fuq il-hajja ta' Kennedy.

Imħasseb hafna il-Papa qal "l-ahbar ta' l-attentat fuq Kennedy iġġib dieqa kbira. Ahna niddeploraw bil-qawwa dan l-attentat u delitt. Ahna nittamaw li t-tqanqil li qiegħed jinħass mad-dinja jservi sabiex jigu meqruda l-mezzi ta' vjolenza u ta' delitti."

● RUMA, l-Erbgha. Il-President Taljan, Giuseppe Saragat qal li huwa kien sema' b'dispett kbir l-attentat "vil-jakk u mill-għar" fuq il-hajja ta' Kennedy.

● BEVERLY HILLS, KALIFORNJA, l-Erbgha. Is-Senatur Eugene McCarthy illum kmieni hassar il-pjanijiet kollha tiegħu tal-kampanja elettorali wara li sparaw fuq Robert F. Kennedy. Giet impoggija għassa stretta madwar il-kamra tal-lukanda ta' McCarthy fejn dan offra talb għal fejtan tas-Senatur.

● STOCKHOLM, l-Erbgha. Il-Ministru ta' l-Affarijiet Barra-

nin ta' l-Isvezja, Torsten Nilson qal li l-attentat fuq Kennedy hasad "lid-dinja kollha". L-atti ta' vjolenza li apparentement jidhru li qed jinfirxu fil-hajja politika jehriegħ li jkollu mwaaqqaf huwa kompla jghid.

Il-Prim Ministru Tabe Erlander sejjah dan l-att bħala "traġġedja".

● PARIGI, l-Erbgha. Il-Kabinett Franciż hareġ stqarrija fejn il-ministri esprimew is-simpatija tagħhom għal Kennedy u (ikompli f'Pagna 2)



Robert u martu indawwrin bit-tfal tagħhom.

LOS ANGELES, l-Erbgha. IS-SENATUR Robert F. Kennedy, illum kien qed jiggieled għal hajtu fl-isptar "Good Samaritan" wara li safa milqut minn tiri ta' pistola f'rasu waqt li huwa kien hiereg minn celebrazzjoni tar-rebħa tiegħu ta' l-elezzjoni.

Wara operazzjoni f'mohħu li damet sejra erba' siegħat, it-tobba qalu li Robert Kennedy għandu mnejn ma' jghix u jekk jghix jista' jsufri minn difett kbir f'mohħu. Sadanittant il-kundizzjoni tas-Senatur kienet "kritika hafna", u s-36 siegħa li għejjin se jkunu ta' importanza kbira.

Dr Henry Cunelo, li assista lil Robert Kennedy fl-operazzjoni qal li għadd ta' arterji magġuri ġew milquta u mohħ Robert sof-
ra telf kbir ta' demm u ossiġe-

L-assassin maqbud

nu kif ukoll hafna għoqod tad-demmm. Dr Cunelo qal li Robert sofra wkoll minn griehi fix-xewka ta' dahru.

Robert li għandu 42 sena, hu l-mejjet President Kennedy li gie assassinat ukoll, sparaw fuq minn distanza ta' tliet piedi bogħod. L-assassin gie identifikat bħala Sirhan Bishara Sirtan, ta' 24 sena, li joq-
għod f'Pasadena, u li gie mill-Gordan 11-il sena ilu.

Mart Kennedy, Ethel, li kienet miegħu, ma għalha xejn. Hija qed tistenna il-11-il tar-bija tagħha. Malli żewġha wa-
qa fl-art hija tbaxxiet fuqu, waqt li bdiet tkellmu bil-mod u tipprova tikkunslah l-istess bħal ma għamlet Jacqueline, meta żewġha John safa assa-
sinat.

Malli l-President Johnson sema' bl-attentat fuq il-hajja ta' Kennedy huwa ordna im-medjament sabiex agenti tas-servizz sigriet jgħassu lill-kandi-
danti kollha li qed jiehdu sehem fl-elezzjonijiet.

Kif sar l-attentat

Sparatura giet irraportata fil-ghodu fil-kamra tas-Senatur Robert F. Kennedy, meta kien għadu kemm għamel rebħa fl-elezzjonijiet primarji ta' Kalifornja. Ma' din l-isparatura, Kennedy gie ferut serjament u waqa' fl-art. Gew irraportati sparaturi ohra.

Stephen Smith, li jigi haten Kennedy gie irraportat ukoll li gie milqut. L-assassin ta' Ken-
nedy gie maqbud minn Rafer Johnson, atleta magħruf u wie-
hed mill-aides ta' Kennedy.

Hekk kif intlaqat Robert Kennedy, inqala' pandemonju kbir fl-Ambassador Hotel fejn kien qiegħed allogġjat. Huwa gie milqut minn balal f'rasu u f'ġenbu. Wahda mill-isparaturi laqtet lil William Weisel f'idej-
h. Dan huwa l-Associate Director ta' l-American Broadcasting Co.

Reporter li wasal fil-hin fuq il-post iddeskriva l-każ hekk: Robert kellu d-demmm fuq wiċ-
ċu, iżda kellu għajnejh miftuħa waqt li huwa kien mimdud ma' l-art tal-kċina tal-lukanda fejn kien allogġjat. Rapporti kom-
plew iġhdu li l-aides tiegħu mill-ewwel qabdu lil dak li gie
issuspettat li spara.

Korrispondent tal-United Press International irraportat li wara li Kennedy niżel minn fuq fejn kien qiegħed jittkellem wara li għamel taħdita ta' vita torja "kien hemm pandemonju shih f'daqqa wahda". Għat-
griet għal quddiem minn oġġni kien qiegħed jittkellem u għat-
tet "Sparawlu, sparaw lil-Robert Kennedy." Hatent Kennedy, Stephen Smith, beda jgħajjat "Hawn ta-
bib? Jinhtieg wiehed malajr ta' Robert Kennedy gie maqbud malajr fi sptar viċin.

KRITIKA

Don Shulman, impjegat ma' l-istazzjon tat-televiżoni, qal li Kennedy kien sejjier lejn il-kċi-
na meta raġel spara fuqu tliet darbiet. Dan hareġ minn għol-
folla. Shulman, li ra b'għajnejh stess l-incident, qal li l-body guard ta' Kennedy spara lura fuq l-assassin, fejn dan gie maqbud u mehud mill-pulizija.

Xhieda ohra ta' dan l-ispet-
taklu tal-biża' qalu li Kennedy waqa' mill-ewwel fl-art u ma
ċcaqlaqx. Iehor qal li sema' er-
ba' jew hames tiri u ra lil Ken-
nedy u lil mara ohra jaqgħu fl-
art. Kennedy deher qiegħed iżomm in-naha tal-lemin ta' sid-
ru u kellu d-demmm f'wiċċu.

Reporter iehor qal li Kennedy kien f'sensih u kien qiegħed jittkellem wara l-incident. Huwa qal li l-assassin għamel użu minn revolver iżda xi nies ċivili qabdu u haduh 'il barra minn hemm. Kennedy gie mehud l-is-
ptar b'għajnejh magħluqa fuq
stretcher.

Xhieda iehor qal li ra lil mar-
ta Kennedy, Ethel, u għajnejh
miftuħa.

ROBERT KENNEDY F'QAGHDA KRITIKA BULLET F'RASU WARA R-REBHA

(Reuter's Service) Los Angeles.

I S-SENATUR Robert Kennedy, bil-presidenza ta' l-Amerka ghoddha f'idejh, il-bierah qala tiri ta' revolver minn zaghzugh misterjuż ta' 23 sena li twieled fit-taqsim ta' Gerusalem li qabel kienet tal-Gordan.

Waqt li s-Senatur Kennedy kien qiegħed fl-isptar f'kundizzjoni kritika minhabba l-griehi li garrab bil-balal f'rasu u f'għonq, l-Awtoritajiet ta' Los Angeles taw isem iz-zagħżuħ li sparalu bhala Sirhan Sirhan.

Sitt kirurgi għamlu operazzjoni dellkha u damet tliet sliġat lix isehhu bala li nifdet għat go mobħ is-Senatur, li għandu 42 sena waqt li kien qiegħed jiccelebha r-rebha tiegħu fl-elezzjoni Primarja ta' California.

It-tobba fl-isptar Kattołku "Good Samaritan" habbru f'bulletin mediku li saret hsara fil-provista tad-demm f'moħbu li minha jiddependu hawnha funzjonijiet importanti fil-klija u mentali. Il-frak tal-balla minbarra wahda, tneħħa minn ras is-Senatur Kennedy, qal il-bulletin, izda tliet hawnha demm, u t-12 sa 36 sliġha li gejjin se jkun "kritika hawnha".

Is-Segretarju ta' l-Istampa tas-Senatur Kennedy, Frank

Mankiewicz, li qara l-bulletin, qal: "Għadu haj, izda mhux f'sensu. Imma qiegħed jlehu n-nifs mingħajr għajnjuna."

It-tienil balla mill-i jidher għadha f'għonq Kennedy, izda dmi ma gietx meqjusa bhala problema kbira.

L-attentat ta' qtil sar għala r-rieda fil-lukanda lussuża "Ambassador", fejn is-Senatur Kennedy kien għadu kif għamel diskors tar-rebha, ftit hin tiss qabel.

Iz-zagħżuħ b'xagħru iswed qabeż minn hadd ma jaf fejn waqt li s-Senatur għadha mill-klija ta' l-lukanda, b'lex iqassar it-triq mis-Salla tal-Ballu għall-kamra tal-Konferenzi u spara mill-vicin waqt li Kennedy kien qed jlehu b'idejn l-im-



pjegatj tal-klija.

Is-Senatur Kennedy waqa' fl-art bid-demm hiereg mill-griehi.

Iz-zagħżuħ żvoġta r-revolver ta' tmien balal fuqu u fera hamsa min-nies ohra qabel ma' gie meġħub u mkaxkar mill-post fost il-biġli u x-xegħir tas-suppoters li pruvaw jaħtfuħ, jghajtu: "Oqtluħ, oqtluħ".

Il-mara tas-Senatur

Kennedy, Ethel, li qed tisten-na l-hdax-il tarbija tagħha, marret tigri hdejn ir-ragel u qiegħditlu rasu f'għonqha, bhawnha kienet għamlet Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy meta qatlu mill-huħ, il-President f'Dallas, Texas, fit-22 ta' Novembru, 1963.

Is-Senatur hadduħ mittuf minn sensuħ mill-kamra ta' l-operazzjoni f'kamra ohra b'lex issirli kura intensiva, waqt li l-President Johnson qabbad wieħed mill-ahjar kirurgi tal-moħb fl-Amerka, Dr. James L. Popen, b'lex jagħmel titjira ta' malajr ta' 3,500 mil minn Boston, Massachusetts, b'lex jagħtih l-għajnjuna tiegħu.

Ironikament, is-Senatur Kennedy sparawlu ftit wara li wiegħed, fid-diskors tar-rebha, li jegħed il-vjolenza jekk jigi ebett President — kariga li saret equeb b'r-rebha tagħha li kellu fuq is-Senatur Eugene McCarthy fl-Elezzjoni Primarja Demokratika ta' California, il-bierah.

Kien hemm pandemonju shih fil-klija tal-lukanda u fil-lobby waqt li l-ferħ ta' mijlet ta' suppoters ta' Kennedy nbidel f'niket u għadab.

Rafer Johnson, kollega iswed fil-kampanja elettorali

Is-senatur Robert Kennedy minxur midrub fl-art qed jin-twiezen minn shabu.

ta' Kennedy, u d-deputat Maitre D'Hotel Germaniż, Karl Ueckerm, qabzu fuq l-assassin u waqqgħu fl-art u zammewh sakemm wasu l-pulizija.

Mrs. Kennedy kienet bil-wieqfa ftit pidi wara żewgħa meta gew sparati t-tiri. Hi marret miegħu fil-abulanza sac-Centru Mediku ta' Emergenza ta' Los Angeles fejn is-semmgħatlu qallbu bi stetoskopju b'lex tkun certa li għadu haj.

Xi siegħa wara, is-Senatur gie meħud fl-isptar "Good (Ikompil fil-faccata 8)

Messaġġ Mill-Prim Ministru Malti

Il-Prim Ministru ta' Malta, Dr. Borg Olivier bagħat dan il-messaġġ lil Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

Imnikktin għall-ahhar bl-bar kerha ta' l-attentat li sar fuq il-hajja tas-Senatur Kennedy, il-Gvern u Malta kollha jibagħtu x-xewqat sincieri tagħhom u joffru minn qalbhom it-talb għall-fejqa tiegħu.

L-Assassin Għarbi Minn Gerusalem

SIRHAN SIRHAN, zagħ-żuħ ta' 23 sena, mwieled f'Gerusalem, fejn kienet it-taqsim tal-Gordan, il-bierah gie akkuzat f'Los Angeles bl-attentat ta' qtil tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Hu gie akkuzat taħt sitt kapi ta' l-akkuza, li attakkah bil-hsieb li joqtlu.

Il-pulizija għa l-lewwel baqgħu mitxulha dwar l-identit ta' taz-zagħżuħ, li ma riedx jirrispondi, għall-mistoqstijiet li għamlulu, maried iħid xejn fuq id-delitt u li fuq ma kellu l-ebda dokument li juri min hu.

Wieħed li kien hemm qal li semgħu jehid waqt il-hin ta' l-attentat: "Għamiltu għall-pajiz".

L-identita ta' Sirhan tħab-bret f'konferenza stampa li għamel is-sindku ta' Los Angeles Samuel Yorty u l-Kap tal-pulizija Tom Reddin, li qalu li Sirhan li għandu 23 sena u joqgħod f'Pasadena, ke'fu fuqu biċċa mossa minn gazzetta li tikkritika is-Senatur Kennedy.

Reddin qal li Sirhan gie identifikat minn sett ta' finger-prints li hemm fil-fles tal-Juvenile Bureau, izda li ma għadhomx x'jaqsnu ma xi delitt.

Il-marki tas-swaba kienu tieħdulu bhala haġa ta' rutina meta applika għal immi-les fil-Dipartiment tar-Rikreazzjoni tal-belt bhala



SIRHAN SIRHAN ta' 23 sena — spara tmien tiri.

"exercise-boy" għa-żwiemel. Il-pulizija qalu li skond il-fles Sirhan twieled fit-taqsim li qabel kienet tal-Gordan ta' Gerusalem u ismu huwa Għarbi.

Mayor Yorty qal li hu Sirhan kien qed jigi mterrogat mill-pulizija minn jed-du izda Sirhan nifsu kien għadu ma jridx jiddiskuti

l-attentat ta' qtil.

Revolver .22 li tlieħed minn-fuq iz-zagħżuħ ma kienx registrat fuq ismu.

Waqt is-smiħ tax-xhieda, l-akkuzat kien rappreżentat minn difensur publiku maħ-tur mill-Qorti Wara, l-akku-zat tlieħed bi skorta kbira fil-habs Centrai ta' Los Angeles

L-assassin hu wieħed minn harnest ahwa jismhom Sirhan li joqgħdu fil-inħawi ta' Los Angeles, skond ma qal Said Sirhan, li qal li hu wieħed minnhom L-ohrajn huma Adel, Munir, Sharif u l-akku-zat. Said Sirhan ma riedx jagħti dettalji iżjed, barra li stqarr li Sirhan Sirhan mar l-Amerka fl-1957 u li hu nifsu wasal f'dak il-pajiz fl-1950.

Sirhan Sirhan jingħad li kien jahdem f'hanut ta' l-af-farjiet ta' l-ikel tas-sahha f'Pasadena sas-7 ta' Marzu, u supervisor themmhekk jn-ħad li b'lekkijiet bhala "rivoluzzjonarju" li jirvelja kontra kull xorta ta' awtorita'.

MOURNING FOR SENATOR KENNEDY

(Reuter's Service)
LOS ANGELES,
June 6.

President Johnson today proclaimed next Sunday a day of national mourning for Senator Robert Kennedy, victim of an assassination that has stirred the nation's conscience. The Senator, who died at 1.44 a.m. (08.44 GMT) in the Good Samaritan Hospital, is to be buried alongside his brother, President John F. Kennedy, in the Arlington National Cemetery. Nearly five years ago, President Kennedy was himself buried in this shrine of American heroes overlooking Washington after being shot dead in Dallas, Texas, by an assassin.

President Johnson, in his Proclamation today, said: "The tragedy and senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

He ordered that the Stars and Stripes be flown at half-mast throughout the nation, and set Sunday — the day after the funeral — as the day of national mourning.

The President's statement reflected the rising concern of the nation over lawlessness that has led to moves to cut the free sale of guns and to provide greater safety for political leaders.

Senator Kennedy's body was flown from Los Angeles to New York today in a special jet ordered by Mr. Johnson.

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ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE TRAGIC STORY OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY



THE NEXT STANDARD-BEARER

Senator Kennedy's death closed another chapter in the tragic story of the Kennedy family, which has suffered one misfortune after another in recent years.

His wife Ethel, was with him when he died, along with his brother Senator Edward Kennedy — the man to whom many Americans now look for political leadership — and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and other members of the family.

The formal announcement of his death stated simply: "Senator Robert Francis Kennedy died at 1.44 a.m. today, June 6, 1968..."

Senator Edward Kennedy, 36, sole survivor of the four brothers groomed by their father for high political office, is already being mentioned as a possible candidate for the Democratic Party's Vice-Presidential nomination.

The death of his brother today means that the youngest brother, known as "Ted",

is now the standard-bearer for the Kennedy dynasty.

He himself narrowly averted death in a 1964 plane crash. His back was broken and for a time it looked as if he would be a cripple for life.

Throughout the United States, people were recalling a statement by President Kennedy before he was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963. Of his tragedy-prone family the President remarked that if he died, his brother Robert would take over and if Bobby died, Ted would assume the family leadership.

Joseph P. Kennedy, 79, father of the four sons and five daughters, originally intended to groom his eldest son Joseph for the American presidency. But the eldest son was killed in a World War Two plane crash on a secret flight from a British base.

Joseph Kennedy (the father) now an invalid as a result of several strokes, has lived to see three of his four sons killed.

ARAB WORLD CONDEMNS KILLER

(Reuter's Service)

BEIRUT, June 6.

The Arab world expressed shock today at the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy and condemned his killer.

In Cairo, official Government spokesman Hassan Al-Zayyat said the killing must be condemned whatever the nationality of the assassin. "We don't accept violence under any circumstances. Of course we are all distressed," he added.

PONTIFF SAYS MASS FOR LATE SENATOR

VATICAN CITY, June 6: — Pope Paul today celebrated Mass for Senator Robert Kennedy, who died by an assassin's bullet.

The Pontiff sent condolences to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and President Johnson, the spokesman added.

H.M. THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, June 6: — H.M. Queen Elizabeth today sent a personal message expressing her deepest sympathy to Mrs. Robert Kennedy over the loss of her husband.

Prime Minister's message

The Prime Minister, Dr. G. Eorg Olivier, yesterday sent the following message to Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

"On behalf of the Government and people of Malta, and also on my own behalf, I wish to convey sincere condolences on the tragic and untimely demise of Senator Robert Kennedy. All Malta is stunned by this outrageous act of violence against a peace-loving leader."

Gunman's father shocked

(Reuter's Service)

JERUSALEM, June 6.

The father of the gunman accused of shooting Senator Robert Kennedy told reporters today: "I am shocked by the action of my son".

Tracked down in a small Arab village, Taiyiba, near here, Bedarra Salameh Sarhan, 52, said he heard the terrible news only when he tuned in to Amman Radio.

DE GAULLE AND HUSSEIN CABLE JOHNSON AND SENATOR'S WIDOW

(Reuter's Service)

PARIS, June 6:

President De Gaulle sent telegrams of condolences to President Johnson and the Senator's widow. In the telegram to President Johnson, he said: "The drama which has just dismayed the United States and once again bereaved the Kennedy family deeply saddens all Frenchmen."

AMMAN, June 6:

King Hussein of Jordan today sent a cable of condolences to President Johnson on the death of Senator Kennedy, offering heartfelt sympathy for the "irreparable loss" on his personal behalf and on behalf of the Jordanian people and Government.

He sent a similar cable to the Senator's widow.

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THE NEED FOR TRYING

As Senator ROBERT KENNEDY is laid to rest within the sacred precincts of Arlington that have guarded the remains of his assassinated brother for the last five years, many in America and elsewhere might echo the anguished cry of the negro in Los Angeles who, on hearing of the attempt, exclaimed "What's the use of us trying? What's the use?" Since then, the Senator has passed on to join the vast throng of those who have given all for their ideals and principles; his death should prove an incentive to all to go on trying till the day when the urge of wanton destruction of life is stifled.

It was tragic indeed that ROBERT KENNEDY should have been mown down in a moment of triumph, but it was also significant, for the triumph of some spells defeat for others, and the forces of evil do not willingly subject themselves to those of good. The Kennedys had come to symbolize what is more elevating in the American way of life — youth, progress and unbounded energy.

Progress in America in the age we live in should not be interpreted only in terms of scientific achievement and military supremacy, but in social security, in racial equality, in opportunities at work and fair conditions of employment, in an end to violence.

Violence has often figured in American history. It was this violence that ROBERT KENNEDY sought to conquer but of which he fell victim.

It has been the sad lot of President JOHNSON, from the dawn of his presidency even unto its setting, to appeal to the nation against violence and to declare days of national mourning as his appeals went unheeded. It is until they are, that Americans and people everywhere must follow in the Kennedys' footsteps, and go on trying.

Senator Kennedy's tragic death

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Family members on board included the Senator's 40-year-old wife Ethel, expecting her 11th child, and her three eldest children, the Senator's only surviving brother, Senator Edward Kennedy, and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, widow of President Kennedy.

Other passengers included Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Negro civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, who was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, only two months ago.

In New York the Senator's body will be taken to St. Patrick's Cathedral where it will lie in State tomorrow.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's on Saturday.

TIGHT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

New York Police are already making security arrangements, likely to be the tightest in the city's history, for American and foreign dignitaries at the service.

The Senator's death was announced by one of his aides just over 25 hours after he was shot through the head and neck in a Los Angeles hotel as he was celebrating his primary election victory in California.

Surgeons carried out a three-and-a-half-hour operation to remove the bullet from his brain, but he never regained consciousness. There had been fears that, even if he survived, his faculties would be permanently damaged.

Shortly after Senator Kennedy's death Los Angeles police said a charge against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a 24-year-old Jordanian-bred immigrant held for the shooting of the Senator, would be presumably changed to murder.

Initially, after being arrested in a struggle in the hotel, he was accused of assault with intent to kill the Senator and five other people wounded in the shooting.

Sirhan refused to speak to

police at all at first. Later he began talking to his interrogators, but not about the shooting.

Sirhan, who has lived in California for the past 11 years, was identified only after the .22 calibre revolver used in the shooting had been traced to him.

He had four 100-dollar (about £40) bills in his pocket when arrested and a newspaper clipping unfavourable to Senator Kennedy, Police said.

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty told reporters yesterday that an entry in a diary alleged to belong to Sirhan stated that Senator Kennedy had to be killed by June 5 — the first anniversary of the start of the six-day Israeli-Arab war.

This has led to speculation that the motive for the killing was Senator Kennedy's support of the Israeli cause.

Senator Kennedy's death threw the American political scene into turmoil for the second time in nine weeks — the first being President Johnson's unexpected decision not to run for re-election.

LOS ANGELES POLICE

SEEK POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR

(Reuter's Service)

LOS ANGELES, June 6.

Los Angeles Police today issued an all-points alert for the apprehension of a woman whom they said might have been involved in the murder of Senator Robert Kennedy.

A Police spokesman said Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, suspected of shooting the Senator, was seen with a woman shortly before the attack.

Eyewitnesses of the assassination in a hotel here recalled that a woman member of Kennedy's campaign staff said she saw a girl with a "funny nose" and "polka-dot" dress running towards an exit.

The girl shouted, "We shot him, we shot him," the woman said.

The scene is now more confused than ever in this wildly-unpredictable presidential race.

(Pictures on p. 12)

LATE NEWS:

WASHINGTON, June 6.

The United States House of Representatives today passed a Bill forbidding the sale of handguns by Interstate mail order.



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KENNEDY'S DEATH

AT the Los Angeles convention eight years ago John F. Kennedy is said to have presented a cigarette case to his brother and right-hand man Robert. On it were inscribed the words: "When I'm through, how about you?" This story may be apocryphal, but it has dramatically turned out to be true. Barely five years after President Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas, Robert Kennedy succumbed to the wounds inflicted by the bullets fired by Palestinian Arab Sirhan B. Sirhan.

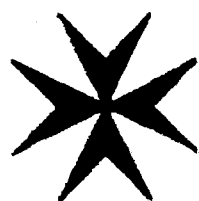
Calamity, which seems to stalk the Kennedy family unrelentingly, has struck again. It struck when the New York Senator was celebrating the biggest political victory of his life, the California primary election. He was committed to California to retrieve the prestige that had been shaken at Oregon. His success is now to no avail.

Kennedy was making himself felt with a political identity of his own — a New Frontier, a shade beyond the boundaries of President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. Considered as the third force in American politics, he had made himself a voice of dissatisfaction with the way things were going on in Vietnam, in Latin America, in US cities — and the ghettos.

A fast-moving man, he lived in the moment and did not count too heavily on the future. He once said: "Existence is fickle, fate is fickle . . . So you do what you can while you're here and the future will take care of itself." How true this is, can be seen in the context of his death.

His abrupt shooting depresses the reasonable man and makes him reflect on the extent to which American life is dominated by violence. Senator Kennedy, his brother President, Dr Martin Luther King, and for that matter Malcolm X, are the victims of a sick society where rootlessness and frustration abound. The outcry for strict laws controlling the sale and possession of guns which was raised after the assassination of President Kennedy has not served much.

On the political front, the Democratic and Republican candidates are still dazed by the shock, the latest in months of political upheavals and surprises. They have suspended electioneering indefinitely; indeed none of the contestants has been left with a coherent strategy. It may take weeks for matters to sort themselves out into a clear pattern. But when they do it may be found that the major beneficiary of the Kennedy tragedy is Vice-President Hubert Humphrey. Moreover, it would not be surprising if in the end a Humphrey-McCarthy ticket would emerge.



Kennedy burial on Saturday

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

THE body of Senator Robert Kennedy, who died after being shot at a Los Angeles hotel, is being flown to New York. A special airliner provided by President Johnson is carrying the body, members of the Kennedy family and Mrs Martin Luther King, widow of the Negro leader who was assassinated last April.

The flight of the Presidential jet with the body of Robert Kennedy to New York was delayed to avoid any such controversy as the one still surrounding the slaying of his brother in Dallas.

In New York Senator Kennedy will lie in state in St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral. There will be a Requiem Mass on Saturday morning. He will be buried later in the day at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, close to the place where President John F. Kennedy was buried in 1963.

President Johnson has declared Sunday a national day of mourning.

Many world leaders have paid tribute to Senator Kennedy and sent messages of sympathy. The Queen has sent a personal message to Mrs Kennedy. Mr Wilson in a message to President Johnson said the "whole British people share America's sorrow."

The Pope offered special prayers and sent his profound condolences.

In Washington President Johnson said that although Senator Robert Kennedy had had far more of his share of personal tragedy he never lost faith in the United States. All the contenders for the Presidential nominations have paid tribute to Senator Kennedy and sent messages of sympathy.

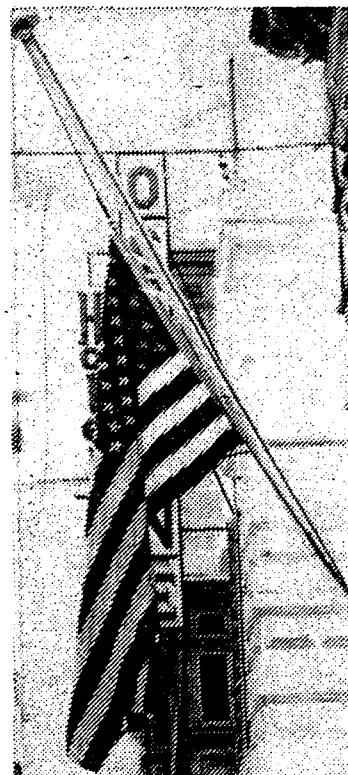
In Los Angeles, Police are taking extra precautions to protect the alleged attacker of Senator Kennedy, the 24-year-old Palestinian Arab Sirhan B. Sirhan. A grand jury is to be asked to exercise a charge of murder.

Maltese Prime Minister Dr Giorgio Borg Olivier has sent a message of condolences to Mrs Kennedy.

Earlier today, US Chargé d'Affaires at the US Embassy in Malta Mr C. E. Beaman said that Senator Kennedy's death was a great loss to the American people. "...he would have given much to the Nation and the world, had he lived," said Mr Beaman.



Struck by an assassin's bullet, Robert Kennedy drops to the ground



US flag flies at half-mast at Valletta Consulate

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Senator Kennedy Lying In State

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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PAID THEIR LAST RESPECTS TO THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, AS HE LAY IN STATE IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, NEW YORK. OFFICES, MUSEUMS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER BUILDINGS WERE CLOSED. AFTER A REQUIEM MASS FOR HIS REPOSE, THE BODY WILL BE TAKEN TO ARLINGTON CEMETERY NEAR WASHINGTON, WHERE HE WILL BE BURIED NEAR HIS BROTHER, THE LATE PRESIDENT J.F. KENNEDY WHO WAS ASSASSINATED IN 1963.

The body arrived in New York early today, by a special Presidential plane, and Senator Edward Kennedy, as well as two of the late Senator's sons, were amongst the pallbearers. The body lies in a black draped coffin at St. Patrick's Church. Crowds had lined the streets prior to the arrival and many were seen to be wearing black armbands.

In Los Angeles, a Grand Jury will be sitting to see whether there is a case for the murder against Sirhan; this order to continue with the maximum security that has been maintained throughout the incident. By this system Sirhan does not have to appear in Court. Meanwhile, the US Congress has passed a law banning the sales of arms by mail. Rifles are not included in the list of prohibited arms. President Johnson has meanwhile sent an appeal to Congress to ensure that "mail order murder" be eradicated.

TODAY'S FOREIGN COMMENTARY

The tragedy that has befallen the Kennedy family has touched the heart of all those who not only pity the dead victim, but also the destiny, if destiny is the right word, which has befallen victim's wife and his ten children.

The death of Robert Kennedy is not only a national disaster; but it is also a family misfortune. The murderer is non-European fanatic Jordanian who abused American hospitality by killing one of its most prominent public figures. But it is evident that this foolish Arab assassin was not alone. Who is the fugitive young woman seen in his company who ran away shouting "we have shot Senator Kennedy?"

We do hope that the American F. B. I. will be quick enough to catch this missing link of evidence in the conspiracy of some anti-Kennedy organisation. American society is, unfortunately, at the mercy of a current organisation, the Klu Klux Klan, notorious gangsters, but many of them well connected and high up in business society whom one might describe as the filthy Mafia of America.

These hooded curses

cowardly gangsters are anti-Catholic and anti-Negro can it be that the Kennedy family is on the black list of this murderous organisation because the Kennedys are a Catholic family and their internal politics favour the integration of the negro groups?

Another possible hypothesis is that the Jordanian murder killed Senator Robert Kennedy because of his support for Israel against the Arabs. But surely there are many such supporters of Israel in the U.S.A. If this was so, why single out Robert Kennedy? Where must the killing begin and end?

Behind the murder of the Kennedy's there is much more than meets the eye. Considering the serious threat to the survival of free democracy in America, one can only wish and pray that the Government and the F.B.I. will track down every evidence to the very source where political murders are first originated and planned.

The American Government must vindicate the wrong done to Dr. Martin Luther and the two Kennedy brothers three distinguished figures of contemporary Americans life.



The late Senator Kennedy with his family at their residence. Left to right: Matthew, 3; Christopher, 4; Kerry, 6; Courtney, 11; Kathleen 16; Mrs. Kennedy holding Douglas who is just over one; Senator Kennedy; Joseph, 15; Robert, Jr. 14; David 12; and Michael, 10. Mrs. Kennedy is expecting their 11th child in January 1969.



Senator Kennedy lies on the hotel floor soon after he was shot, limply holding a rosary, a symbol of the Faith that has sustained this family in its tragic moments.



Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24 year-old immigrant from Jordan being taken to the Hall of Justice in Los Angeles for arraignment on charges of assault with intent to commit murder. As his identity was then not yet known, he was arraigned under the name of John Doe and bail was set at 250,000 dollars, (£105,080).



This diagram depicts the spot behind Senator Robert Kennedy's ear where the bullet entered the Senator's head.



Two men struggle with the alleged assailant as they attempt to wrest a gun away from him, after he shot Senator Kennedy.

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Il-katavru tas-senatur Kennedy fi New York Messaggi ta' simpatija mid-dinja kollha

NEW YORK, il-Hamis

Wara li s-senatur Robert Kennedy miet fl-isptar ta' Los Angeles minn griehi li-qarrab f'rasu wara tiri sparati minn assassin, il-katavru tieghu tliehed bl-ajru lejn New York. Jakkumpanjaw il-katavru kien hemm membri tal-familja tieghu kif ukoll Mrs. Martin Luther King, li zewaha qie wkoll assassinat f'April ta' din is-sena. Fi New York il-katavru tas-senatur Kennedy tpoqqa fil-kattidral kattoliku ta' San Patrizju, fejn nhar is-Sibt li qie qhandha ssir quddiesa tal-meitin qhar-ruh is-senatur. Wara l-quddiesa l-katavru se jittiehed lejn Washington ahac-cimiterju nazzjonali ta' Arlington qhad-difna. Is-senatur Kennedy se jindifen vicin hafna tal-qabar ta' huh, il-president John F. Kennedy, li wkoll kien qie assassinat f'1963.

Is-senatur Kennedy miet ftit aktar minn erbgha u ghoxrin siegħa wara li ntlaqat minn sparatura f'lukanda f'Los Angeles. Qatt ma rega' qie f'sensih wara l-operazzjoni għat-fnehhija tal-balla ta' l-assassin minn mohhu. Martu Ethel u qrabu ohra inkluza l-mara tal-mejjet president John F. Kennedy kienu hdejn il-katavru fl-isptar. Prezenti wkoll kien hemm sebgha mill-ghaxar uliedu. Il-mewt tas-senatur Kennedy, fit-tmienja u erbgha u erbghin minuta hin ta' Greenwich, thabbret mill-press secretary tieghu tmien sghat wara l-ahhar bollettin mediku.

Il-president Johnson iddik-jara li nhar il-Hadd jitqies bhala jum ta' luttu nazzjonali. Il-president qal li f'hajtu s-senatur Robert Kennedy ra bizzejjed tragedji personali, izda dejjem baqa' jgħemmen fid-dicenza ta' l-amerikani li jridu l-paci u jgħiebu l-hajja ta' kulhadd. Qal li l-hajja publika garbet telfa bil-mewt tieghu.

Il-president ordna li l-bandier amerikana tittajjar mezz'asta mal-pajjiz kollu u listazzjonijiet amerikani barra l-pajjiz sakemm isir il-funeral tas-senatur Kennedy.

Il-vici-president amerikan Mr. Huber Humphrey qal li huma tilfu amerikan kbir u talab lill-pajjiz biex jilqa' l-principji ta' l-amanita u l-gustizzja individwali li kien jgħemmen f'hom is-senatur Robert Kennedy.

Mid-dinja kollha qegħdin jaslū messagġi ta' simpatija u kondoljanzi. Minn Londra r-regina Elizabetta bagħtet messagġ personali lill-

mara tas-senatur Kennedy. Il-prim ministru ingliz Mr. Harold Wilson bagħat messagġ. Il-president Johnson li fih we-ra d-dispjaċir kbir tieghu. L-arċisqof ta' Canterbury qal li jiddispjaċih hafna.

Hekk kif l-ahbar tal-mewt ta' Kennedy waslet il-Vatikan, il-Papa Pawlu VI waqqaf laqgħa biex jitolb għal ruh is-senatur. Wara bagħat telegramm ta' kondoljanzi.

Fl-Irlanda l-bnadar ittajjru mezz'asta b'sinjal ta' luttu. Il-prim ministri ta' l-Awstralja u New Zealand kollha esprimew is-soghħa profonda tagħhom għall-mewt ta' Kennedy.

Messagġi ta' kondoljanzi waslu mingħand il-gvernijiet ta' l-Uganda, it-Tanzanja, Zambia u l-Kenja.

L-agent sindku ta' Berlin tal-punent qal li l-mewt ta' Kennedy tellfet lil Berlin habib kbir daqs il-mejjet presi-

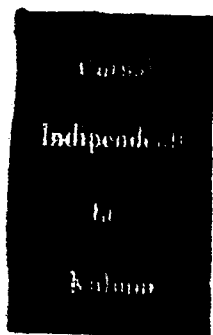


SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

dent John F. Kennedy.

Fil-Kajr, ufficjal tal-gvern ta' l-Egittu qal li l-qtil tas-senatur Kennedy għandu jiġi kkundannat, hu min hu l-qattiel.

Il-korrispondenti f'Israël sabu l-missier taż-żagħżuġ għarbi tal-Palestina, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan ta' 24 sena, li qatel lis-senatur Kennedy. Missieru, li jgħix fuq in-naħa tax-xellug tax-xmara tal-Gordān, qal lill-ġurnalisti li jiddispjaċih hafna għal dak li għamel ibnu. Qal li jekk ibnu huwa hati hallihom ja-
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Kennedy jindifen is-Sibt

IL-KADAVRU tas-Senatur Robert F. Kennedy, li miet wara li sparaw fuqu flukanda hawnhekk, se jiġi mehud New York. Ajruplan speċjali ipprovdut mill-President Johnson ghandu jieh u l-kadavru, membri tal-familja Kennedy, u lil Mrs. Martin Luther King, mart il-mexxej iswed, minn hawnhekk.

Tard il-lejla thabbar li l-ajruplan presidenzjali kellu jittardja, sabiex jiġi evitati kontroversji simili bhal dawk li kellhom x'jaqsmu mal-qtil ta' huh f'Dallas.

Fi New York il-kadavru ta' Robert Kennedy se jkun espost għall-pubbliku fil-Kattidral Katoliku ta' St. Patrick, fejn għandha ssir quddiesa De Requiem nhar is-Sibt fil-ghodu. Huwa għandu jiġi midfun aktard matul il-gurnata, fiċ-ċimiterju nazzjonali ta' Arlington, li jiġi barra Washington, vicin il-qabar ta' huh il-President John Kennedy, li gie assassinat fil-1963.

Il-President Johnson iddikjara li nhar il-Hadd li geġ għandha tkun gurnata ta' luttu nazzjonali.

Is-Senatur Kennedy li kellu 42 sena miet fl-isptar ta' "The Good Samaritan" hawnhekk, 25 siegħa wara li safa milqut.

Il-mara tiegħu Ethel, u qra-ba ohra kienu hdejn is-sodda



Sirhan Sirhan — il-qattiel

tiegħu meta huwa miet, u bosta mill-ghaxart itfal tiegħu kienu l-isptar.

F'Washington il-President Johnson qal li għalkemm Robert Kennedy, daq sewwa l-imrar matul hajtu, huwa qatt ma tilef il-fiduċja tiegħu fl-Istati Uniti ta' l-Amerika.

Il-pulizija f'Washington tqegħdu fuq "extra duty" u 450 gwardji nazzjonali ġew imsejja. Is-sindku ta' Washington qal li mhux mistenni li jinqala' l-inkwiet, iżda ha dawn il-passi minhabba l-kwistjoni emozzjonali mqanqla mit-tragedja.

Is-Senatur Kennedy kien wiehed mill-figuri kontroversjali fil-politika Amerikana. Wara li kien assistent ta' huh stess, u ha hsieb l-elezzjoni, huwa serva bhala Attorney General fl-amministrazzjoni ta' Kennedy fejn hadem sewwa dwar il-leġislazzjoni tad-drittijiet civili.

F'Marzu li għadda dahal fittellieqa għan-nominazzjoni Presidenzjali tal-Partit Demokratiku. It-tema prinċipali tiegħu kienet li "L-Amerika setgħet tagħmel aktar", speċjalment fil-kwistjoni tal-Vjetnam, u dik tar-razez fil-pajjiż.

MESSAĠĠ TAL-P.M.

Il-Prim Ministru Malti, Dr G. Borg Olivier bagħat dan il-messaġġ lil Mrs. Ethel Kennedy:

"Għan-nom tal-Gvern u l-poplu ta' Malta, kif ukoll għan-nom tiegħi mfisi, nixtieq nibgħat il-kondoljanzi sinċieri fl-okkażjoni tal-mewt tragika u għal għarrieda tas-Senatur Kennedy. Malta kollha tinsab ixxokkjata b'dan l-att kiefer ta' vjo-lenza kontra l-mexxej li jhobb il-paċi."



Robert Kennedy jidher mixhut ma' l-art malli huwa gie ferut.

"Telfa kbira"

Fin-naqqas ta' l-Ambaxxatur Amerikan, Mr Chester E. Beaman, ic-Charge d'Affaires, qal lill-Orizzont.

"Il-mewt tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy hija telfa kbira għall-poplu Amerikan. Il-komunita' Amerikana f'Malta tinsab sogħbiena bit-tragedja. Ahna ninsabu xxokkijati bl-att orribbli li gab il-mewt tiegħu qabel il-waqt.

"Bhal huh, il-mejjet President John F. Kennedy, huwa seta' ta hafna lin-Nazzjon u lid-dinja kieku ghex."

KENNEDY JMUT WARA 25 SIEGHA Se Jindifen Hdejn Huh

(Reuter's Service)

L-PRESIDENT Johnson il-bierahipproklama jum ta' luttu nazzjonali ghas-Senatur Robert Kennedy, vittma ta' qtil li qanqal in-nazzjon kollu. Robert Kennedy, li miet fis-1.44 a.m. fl-Isptar "Good Samaritan" se jindifen magenb huh, il-President **John F. Kennedy**, fic-Cimiterju Nazzjonali ta' Arlington.

Il-President Johnson, fil-proklamazzjoni li ghamel il-bierah qal: "It-tragedja u l-vjolenza bla sens tal-mewt ta' Robert F. Kennedy tixxet dell ikrah ta' nikket ma' l-Amerika kollha u mad-dinja".

Il-President ordna li l-ban-diera Amerikana tittajjar mezza asta man-nazzjon kollu, u habbat li-Hadd — l-gha-

ghal ruhu se tigi celebrata fil-Kattidral ghada.

Il-mewt tas-Senatur Kennedy thabbret minn wiehed mill-kollegi tiegħu ftit biss wara 25 siegħa li qala tiri frasu u f'għonqu fl-lukanda "Los Angeles" x'hin kien qed jiccelebra r-rebħa li ghamel fl-Elezzjoni Primarja ta' California.

Kirurgi għamlu operazzjoni

Los Angeles.

IL-PAPA JQADDES GHAL RUHU

Belt tal-Vatikan.

L-PAPA Pawlu l-bierah qaddes quddiesha ghas-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Il-Papa bagħat messagg ta' kondoljanzi lil Mrs. Ethel Kennedy u lil-President Johnson.

Mara Mdahħla Fid-Delitt

L-PULIZIA ta' Los Angeles il-bierah taw ordni lin-nies tagħhom kollha biex joqogħdu għassa halli jaqbd u wahda mara li jahsbu li seta' kellha x'taqsam fil-qtil tas-Senatur Kennedy.

Kelliemi tal-pulizija qal li Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, li spara fuq Kennedy, rawh ma' mara ftit qabel l-attentat. Il-mara giet imsemmija bħala bajda, għandha bejn 23 u 27 sena, u twila hames piedi u sitt pulzieri.

Il-bulletin tal-pulizija qal li meta rawha ma' Sirhan, il-mara kienet tlebsa libsa bajda mtektika bl-iswed, żarbu skur u b'xagħarha stil burfant. Ma ngħatat l-ebda identita oħra.

Nies li kienu fil-lukanda Ambassador f'Los Angeles waqt l-assassinju, qalu li jfittxukru li wahda min-nisa ta' li staff tal-kampanja elettorali ta' Kennedy qalet li rat tfajla "b'linnieher tač-čajt" u b'libsa "polka dot" tigrj lejn bieb li jagħti għal barra.

It-tfajla bdiet tgħajjat

"qtilnieh, qtilnieh."

Meta giet mistoqsja lil min sparaw, it-tfajla wiegħbet "Sparajna għas-Senatur Kennedy". Il-mara qalet li meta t-tfajla spiccet titkellem wieħed ragel għadda jgħri minn kurtur tal-lukanda u telaq magħha.



da tal-funeral — bħala jum ta' luttu nazzjonali.

Il-katawru tas-Senatur Kennedy ittelleh bl-ajru minn Los Angeles għal New York il-bierah f'ajruplan tal-jet li ntbagħat apposta minn Mr. Johnson. Fuq l-ajruplan kien hemm membri tal-familja Kennedy u bħieb — fosthom ir-romol ta' thiet vittmi ta' assassinju.

Il-membri tal-familja kienu jinkludu l-mara tas-Senatur, Ethel, ta' 40 sena, li qed tistenna il-hudax-il tarbija, u t-thiet itfal il-kbar tagħha, is-Senatur Edward Kennedy, li hu l-uniku wiehed minn burtu subien għadu haj, u Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, l-armia tal-President Kennedy. Post oħrajn fuq l-ajruplan kien hemm Mrs. Coretta King, amala tal-kar tad-drittijiet civili tas-Swed, Dr. Martin Luther King, li gie maqtul f'Memphis, Tennessee, xahrejn biss ilu.

Ethel, Edward u Jacqueline Kennedy kienu hdejn is-sodda tas-Senatur meta miet.

Fi New York il-katawru tas-Senatur se jittiehed fil-Katidral ta' St. Patrick fejn se jkun jista' tarah il-pubbliku l-lum. Quddiesha De Requie

IL-VITTMA U L-ARMLA. Is-Senatur Robert Kennedy u martu Ethel fil-bidu tal-kampanja elettorali.

ta' thiet siegħat u nofs biex imeħħu l-balla minn moħħu, iżda s-Senatur qatt ma reġa' gie f'sens. Kien hemm il-biza li anke kieku fieq, il-fakultajiet tiegħu kienu jgħqgħu b'xi mankament għal għomru.

Ftit wara l-mewt tas-Senatur Kennedy, il-pulizija ta' Los Angeles qalu li l-akkuzza kontra Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, immigrant mill-Gordania, ta' 24 sena, li gie arrestat dwar dan id-delitt, se tigi mibduha awtomatikament f'akkuzza ta' qtil.

Għall-ewwel, wara li gie arrestat f'taqtielgħa, fil-luk-

anda, Sirhan gie akkuzat li għamel attakk bl-ħsieb li joqtol is-Senatur u hamsa min-nies oħra li ndarbu fl-incident.

Is-sindku ta' Los Angeles, Sam Yorty, qal li l-reporters il-bierah li nota li nstabet fi djarju li jingħad li hu ta' Sirhan, kienet tgħid li s-Senatur Kennedy kellu jgi maqtul sa l-5 ta' Gwernu — l-ewwel anniversarju mill-bidu tal-Gwerra ta' Sitt Ijiem ta' bejn l-Għarab u l-Lhud. Minħabba dan kien hemm spekulazzjoni li l-motiv tal-qtil kien minħabba li s-Senatur Kennedy kien jappoġġa l-kawża ta' Izrael. Sar magħnuf ukoll li Sirhan kien Komunist.

"Inħossni Mnixxef b'Dak Li Għamel Ibni"

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Beshara Sirhan qal li jgħgħobbli hafna dwar l-attakk fuq is-Senatur Kennedy, u kien jammira lil-mejjiet President John Kennedy. Beshara bena hu stess id-dar fejn joqgħod ma' ommu xliha. Il-mara tiegħu, Mary, toqgħod l-Amerka.

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Id-Dinja Tibki lil Kennedy

LOS ANGELES, il-Hamis.

Id-dinja illum bkiet kif semgħet li s-Senatur Robert Kennedy miet 25 siegħa wara li Shiran Bishara Shiran sparalu fl-Ambassador Hotel. Il-kadavru tas-Senatur Kennedy illum ittiegħed mill-Isptar Good Samaritan lejn New York b'ajruplan provdut mill-White House.

Fuq l-ajruplan kien hemm Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy u membru ohra'n tal-familja.

Fuq l-ajruplan magħhom kien hemm ukoll Mrs. Martin Luther King li r-raġel tagħha gie assassinat f'April li għadda.

Fi New York hu għandu jipogħa fil-Kattidral Katto'iku ta' St. Patrick fejn ikun jista' jarah il-pubbliku. Is-Sibt filgħodu fl-istess knisja għandha ssirlu quddiesa praesente cadavere.

Wara l-kadavru tas-Senatur Kennedy għandu jittiegħed lejn Washington għad-difna. Hu se jiġi midfun f'Arlington National Cemetery fejn hu midfun huih, l-ex-President John F. Kennedy. F-qabar ta' Robert mhux se jkun bogħod wisq minn dak ta' huih.

Il-mewt ta' Kennedy grat meta hu anqas biss gie f'sensih wara l-operazzjoni. L-ahbar ngħatat minn Frank Mankiewicz, ufficjal tal-istampa tas-Senatur. Hu waqaf għal minuta ssummat quddiem il-gurnalisti. F'daqqa wahda qal: "Kennedy miet."

Dan id-diskors sar tmien sigħat mill-ahbar bulletin mediku, meta ntqal li s-Senatur Kennedy kien f'kundizzjoni kritika hafna.

Hdejn is-sodda tiegħu kien hemm martu u qrafa ohra u f'it qabel ma miet, uħud mitfal tiegħu gew imsejha fl-isptar biex jarawh.

Il-pulizija u n-nies ta' kontra n-nar gew imqegħda fuq duty speċjali flimkien ma' 450 Gwardji Nazzjonali. Is-Sindku ta' Washington qal li ma kienx jistenna storbji, iżda dan għamlu minhabba l-kwistjoni tal-qtil.

Il-Pulizija ta' Los Angeles qegħdin jiehdu prekawzjonijiet kbar fuq Shiran u ġurija se tiġi mitħaba ssibu hati ta' qtil.

Is-Senatur Robert kien wieħed mill-aktar kontroversjali fl-Amerika. Wara li kien assistent ta' huih John u mexxie-lu l-kampanja presidenzjali fl-1960 u nhatar Attorney General fejn ta sehem kbir fil-leġislazzjoni tad-Drittijiet Civili.

Wara hu hareġ għas-Senatur f'Marzu li għadda dahal għall-ġieda presidenzjali.

It-tema tad-diskors tiegħu dejjem kienet:

"L-Amerika tista' tagħmel aktar, partikularment fl-isforz biex ittemm il-gwerra fil-Vjetnam u l-ġlied rażzjali intern."

Il-President Johnson sejjah lill-poplu Amerikan biex nhar il-Hadd josserva ġurnata ta' luttu għas-Senatur Kennedy. Hu qal li Kennedy kellu tragedji personali aktar minn hadd-

L-ASSASSIN:

Hass Wisq it-Telfa tal-Gharab

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan kien hass wisq wara t-telfa Gharbija ma' l-Iżrael. Kien żamm f'moħħu l-kliem li kien qal Robert Kennedy li lest li jagħti ajruplan lill-Iżraeliti.

Hu kien jahdem f'post tat-tigrija, inaddaf u jiehdu hsiieb iż-żwiemel. Iżda xi xhur ilu telaq. Il-Pulizija sabulu djarju fid-dar tiegħu u fih kienet immarkata d-data "5 ta' Gunju 1968". L-ewwel anniversarju tal-gwerra Arabo-Iżraelita.

Sirhan għandu erba' hntu u kien joqgħod ma' ommu f'Pasadena, Kalifornja. Kelliemi għall-ufficju tal-Immigrazzjoni Amerikana qal li Sirhan mhux ċittadin Amerikan u employer tiegħu qal li hu kien hass hafna t-telfa Gharaba.

Korrispondenti f'Iżrael sabu li missieru joqgħod f'razzett fin-naha tal-Punent tax-Xmara Gordan li illum tinsab



Wiċċ Kennedy fuq wara li gie ferut.

iehor.

"Iżda hu qatt ma abbanduna l-fidi tiegħu f'Ista j Uniti," qal il-President. Hu kompja, li s-Senatur Kennedy ried li jahdem għall-paċi u jaqta' x-xewqa tal-Amerikani li jiġu mtejbha l-kundizzjonijiet tal-hajja għal kulhadd.

"Il-hajja pubblika tagħna giet imnaqqsqa bit-telfa tiegħu," qal il-President Johnson.

Hu ordna li l-bandiera Amerikana tiġi mtajra mezz'asta fuq il-bini kollu fl-Amerika u fl-Ambaxxati u postijiet ohra Amerikani f'pajjiżi ohrajn.

Il-President Johnson waqaf kummissjoni taht il-presidenza ta' Milton Eisenhower, hu l-ex-president Eisenhower, biex tinvestiga l-kwistjoni tal-vjolenza fizika. Hi għandha tistharreg jekk din hix gejjja mill-pregudizzju, idejologija, politika u genn.

F'xandira li għamel lin-nazzjon il-President Johnson appella lill-Amerikani biex tispiċċa l-vjolenza. Hu qal: "F'għieh Alla ejjew nirrisolvu li nghixu taht il-ligi." Johnson appella biex il-ligi li tirrestringi l-bejgh tal-armi tghaddi mill-Kamra tar-Rapprezentanti. Hi diga' għaddiet mis-Senat. Is-Senatur Kennedy kien qal li l-ligi kienet dgħajfa.



taht il-hakma Iżraelita. Hu qal li nhasad kif sema' bl-att li għamel it-tifel tiegħu.

"Jekk hu hati, halli joqtluh," qal missieru.

LUTTU F'MALTA

IL-BELT, il-Hamis.

Malta illum kienet mitfu-gha fluttu għas-Senatur Kennedy. Besta bnadar fuq il-bjut ġew imtelligħin mezz'asta u r-ritratt juri l-bandiera Amerikana ta' l-Ambaxxata u l-bandiera Awstraljana tal-Kummissjoni Għolja ta' l-Awstralja mezz'asta f'Airways House, tas-Sliema.

Dr. G. Borg Olivier, Prim Ministru, bghat dan il-mes-saġġ ta' kondoljanza lil Mrs. R. Kennedy:

"Għan-nom tal-Gvera u l-poplu ta' Malta kif ukoll għan-nom tiegħi innifsi nix-tieq nibghat kondoljanzi sin-ċleri fl-okkazzjoni tal-mewt tragika u għall-għarrieda tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Malta kollha tinsab ixxuk-kjata b'dan l-att kiefer ta' vjolenza kontra mexxej li jhobb il-paċi".

XQALU L-MEXXEJJA

Richard Nixon, il-kandidat prinċipali għall-kandidatura Repubblikana qal hekk dwar is-Senatur Kennedy:

"Kien bniedem ta' enerġija tremenda u vitalita' u wieħed mill-aktar mexxejja popolari fl-istorja Amerikana."

Il-Viċi-President Hubert Humphrey, li kien qed jopponih għall-kandidatura Demokratika:

"Tifna raġel kbir." Hu appella biex il-poplu Amerikan jikkommetti ruħu għall-prinċipju tal-umanita' u l-ġustizzja individwali li fih kien jemmen is-Senatur Kennedy.

Ir-Reġina Elizabetta bagħtet telegramm lil Mrs. Ethel Kennedy waqt li l-Prim Ministru Wilson bagħat iehor lil Johnson.

Il-Papa Pawlu waqaf konferenza fil-Vatikan biex jitlob għas-Senatur Kennedy.

Kelliemi għall-Gvern Egizzjan fil-Kajr qal li hi x'inhil nazzjonalita' tal-assassin il-qtil tas-Senatur għandu jiġi kundannat.

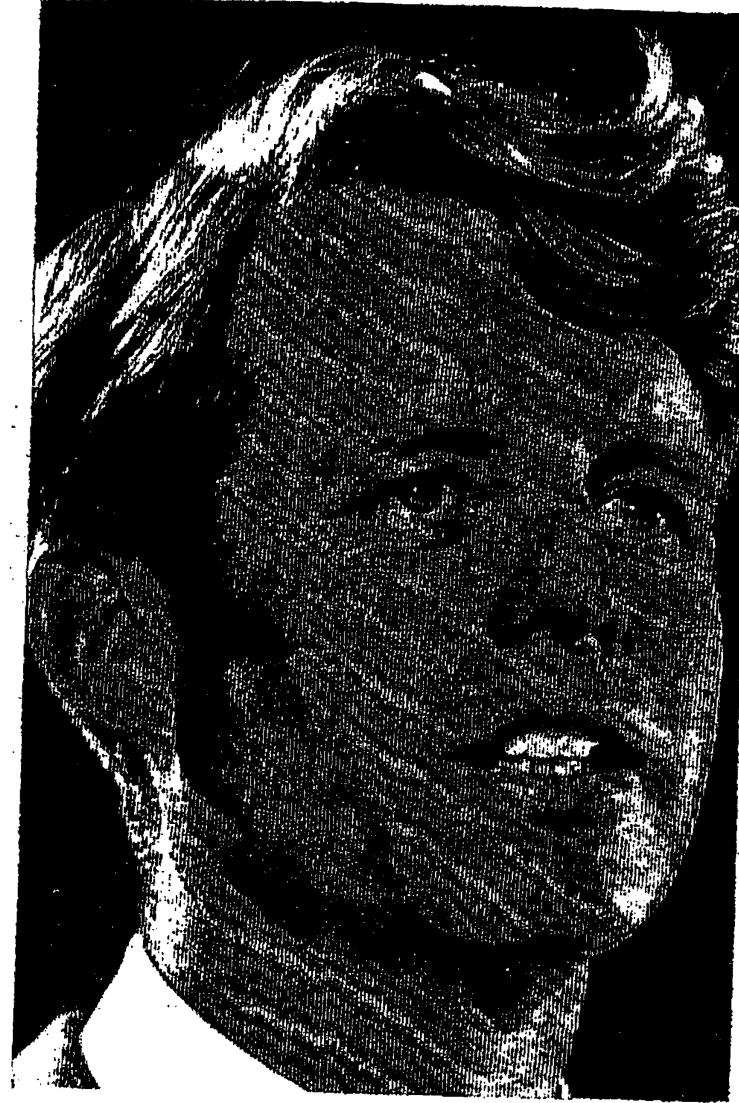
L-Agent Sindku ta' Berlin qal li l-mewt telfithom habib li ma ssibx iehor bħalu bħal meta miet huih il-President.

Il-President De Gaulle u l-President Luebke tal-Germanja tal-Punent it-tnejn urew is-soghħa tagħhom.

Il-Prim Ministru Cernik taċ-Cekoslovakkja wera s-simpatija tiegħu.

F'Moskow l-ahbar tal-qtil ingħatat mingħajr kummenti.

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BOB KENNEDY



● Robert jidher mfexi lejn il-White House, id-dar tal-President, il-post fejn ma lahaqx wasal!



● F'kull ajruport li fih kien jinzel l-ajruplan ta' Robert dejjem kont tilmaħ l-istess xena — gruppi ta' nies jistennewh biex jehdulu b'idejha.

L-aktar li kienu jhobbuh u jistmawh kienu l-haddiema, il-fqar, u s-suwed. Bob kien fhem il-problemi tagħhom kollha u weghedhom sinċerament li jissagrifika hajtu għalihom.

● Robert ma' martu Ethel, l-akbar għajpuna li kellu fil-hajja tiegħu.



● Robert jidher qed iżieghel b'bintu, Mary Courtney, qabel mar għaj wiehed mill-hafna vjaġġi tiegħu.

L-imhabba kbira li kellu lejn uliedu — 10 — kienet l-akbar diffikulta' għal Bob biex ilahhaq ma' l-impenji kollha tiegħu li hafna drabi rieduh ikun mifrud mill-għezież tiegħu.

~~Il-**Robert Kennedy**...~~
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● L-isem Kennedy fl-Amerika sar qisu l-isem ta' familja riġali. Il-popolarita' tiegħu hi effett ta' l-influwenza kbira li kellhom fil-hajja pubblika Amerikana l-President John F.

Kennedy u huħ Robert. Robert kien beda t-triq biex jasal fejn wasal huħ imma l-id qattielat tal-vjolenza qerditu kif qerdet lil huħ.

● L-ahhar ritratt ta' Robert qabel sparawhu — bis-sinjal tar-rebħa li kiseb fil-Kalifornja.

● Dehra ta' Robert ma' whud mill-ghaxar uliedu. Il-familja dejjem kienet il-ghaxxa tiegħu.



● Robert flimkien ma' whud mill-familja tiegħu qed jitolob fuq il-qabar ta' huħ, il-President maqtul. Ma kienx

ghadu jaf li kellu jindifen fl-istess ċimiterju u ta' l-istess eta' kif ukoll bl-istess mewt vjolenti!



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Margherita; 12.30 L-Ahbarijiet
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Ahbarijiet ta' Malta fil-qosor.

Ahbarijiet Sportivi; 9.05 Banded
a; 9.35 Kuncert ta' Nhar ta'
a; 10.50 L-Ahbarijiet ta' Malta
or; 10.55 Rapport tat-Temp —



DRACULA

Rumanz Misterjuż ta' Bram Stoker

maqlub għall-Malti

minn Ġuże' Diacono

(Jaqbad mal-harga tal-bierah)

Izda daww l-istess hsu tiegħi nbidlu fi stmellija u twer-
wir meta rajt lir-raġel kollu kemm kien johroġ bil-qajla l-qajla
mit-tieqa u jibda jikkaxkar mal-hajt tal-kastell fuq dak l-irdum
tal-biza; wiċċu 'l isfel, b'mantaru miftuh madwaru tisthajlu
għwienah kbar. Għall-ewwel ma stajt nemmen lill-istess għaj-
nejja. Għidt li d-dawl ta' qamar kien qiegħed iqarraq bija, li
kien xi effett tal-ghageb immisiel mid-dell; izda bqajt inhare, u
ma kontx qiegħed nara hażin. Rajt is-swaba' ta' jdejh u riġlejh
jaqbdu ma' truf il-gebel, fejn is-snin kienu kielu u waqqghu t-
tajn, u hekk bil-ghajmuna ta' kull gebla mahruġa 'l barra u ta'
kull xaqx fil-hajt, baqa' nieżel 'l isfel b'heffa kbira, l-istess
bhalma gremxula timxi ma' hajt.

Xi bniēdem huwa dan, jew x'holqien huwa taht is-sura ta'
bniedem? Qiegħed inhoss li ma niflahx aktar għal-wahx ta'
dan il-post tal-biza; qiegħed nibza' — nibza' wisq — u ma nis-
tax nahrab: minn kull naha ninsab imdawwar b'uhux li anqas
biss nissogra nahseb fuqhom...

15 ta' Mejju. — Għal darb'ohra rajt lill-Konti hierēg mit-
tieqa bħal gremxula. Niżel dejjem għall-gehb, sa ma wasal xi
mitt pied 'l isfel, u għibed sewwa lejn ix-xellug. Hemm għeb go
xi toqba jew tieqa. Meta rasu għebet, jiena xxabbat 'il barra
biex nara narax aktar, izda għalxejn — 'il bogħod kien kbir
wisq biex jien inkun nista' nara tajjeb hemm isfel. Issa kont
naf li kien telaq mill-kastell u hekk li għall-istess...

lejn il-punent u kemm lejn in-nofsinar. Fuq naha u fuq ohra
hemm precipizzju kbir. Il-kastell kien imbena, hekk li fuq tliet
nahat ma' jista' jilhq u hadd, u hawnhekk għamli twieqi kbar
fejn la vlegē u anqas balal ma setghu jasiu, u għalhekk hawn
setghu jkollhom dawl u kumditat, li ma setghux ikollhom f'na-
ha li kellha tkun mghassa.

Lejn il-punent kien hemm wied kbir, imbagħad fil-gholi,
fil-bogħod iġbla kbar u blatin, quċcata wara quċcata, miksi
bis-sigħar tal-fraxxnu tal-muntanja u sigħar tax-xewk, bl-gheruq
imqabbda fix-xquq, il-qsim u l-hofor tal-blat. Deher tajjeb li
din kienet it-taqsim tal-kastell li kienet mghammra fiż-żmien
l-imghoddi, għaliex l-ghamara hawnhekk kienet tidher aktar
komda mill-ghamara kollha li rajt hawn ġew s'issa.

It-twieqi kienu bla purtieri, u d-dawl ta' qamar safrani, li
kien jidhol mill-ħgieg tat-tieqa, urien i saħansitra l-ilwien, waqt
li taffa l-ghabra tat-trab li kien hemm fuq kollox u xi ftit heba
wkoll il-hsara taz-żmien u s-susa. Il-lampa ftit jew xejn swietli
f'dak id-dawl ta' qamar qawwi, izda fraht li kienet f'idi, għa-
liex f'dak il-post hassejtni wahdi wisq, u bzajt, u hassejt kes-
ha f'qalbi u roghda ma' ġismi kollu.

Madankollu, ahjar hawnhekk milli wahdi fil-kmamar li
issa tant sirt nistkerrah minhabba l-preżenza tal-Konti, u wara
ftit ta' l-isforz biex nikkalma ruhi hassejt mistrieħ hekk jinzel
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EDITORJAL

WE SALUTE ROBERT KENNEDY INSELLMU LIL ROBERT KENNEDY

Wara iżjed minn 24 siegħa bejn il-hajja u l-mewt, Robert
Kennedy miet, vittma tat-tiri li sparalu qattiel żagħżuġ. Jix-
raq li nsemmu lil dan il-bniedem li kien tant kuntrarju għall-
vjolenza u ntant kellu bħal hux imut mewta vjolenti.

● Kulhadd hass qalbu tinghafas għal Robert Kennedy —
izda hadd daqs il-fqar kollha ta' l-Amerika, anzi tad-dinja kol-
lha. Hu kien sinjur kbir imma kien kapaċi jiffhem u jhoss il-
problemi tal-fqir — tas-suwed, tal-Puerto Rikani, tal-Messi-
kani, tal-haddiema u l-bdiwa ta' l-Amerika t'Isfel. Hu stess
kien stqarr: "Jiena għandi simpatija lejn in-nies l-iżjed foqra,
per eżempju s-suwed u l-portorikani, għall-imcaħħdin. Dawn
naf li jżommu miegħi." M'hemm dubju li kien sinċier fl-im-
habba kbira li dejjem wera lejn dawn in-nies.

Meta fl-1966 mar fuq vjaġġ fl-Amerika t'Isfel kellu okka-
zjoni iżur "plantation" fejn sar jaf li l-haddiema kienu mħallsin
b'paga inqas mill-minimum stabbilit bil-liġi. Il-proprietarju
pprova jfhaad imma Robert ma riedx jemmnu: "Illum dort haf-
na f'dawn l-inħawi u smajt proprju l-kuntrarju ta' dak li qed
tghid int. U allura hallini ngħidlek hekk: Int sejfer lejn ir-ro-
vina, se tingered bl-armi tiegħek stess. Se teqred lis-soċjeta'
tiegħek, dik l-istess soċjeta' li tiftakar li filha tinsab imsieħe,
jekk ma thallasx lin-nies pagi deċenti!"

● Fost il-fqar, li kien iħobb kien hemm post speċjali għall-
immarkati u l-inkapaċitati. Kien jaf xi problemi għandhom
nies bħal dawn, għax oħtu, Rosemary hija waħda minnhom.
Darba mar iżur zewġ skejjei tal-gvern għat-tfal inkapaċitati u
dak li ra xejn ma għogħu. Fl-aqgħa tas-Senat, Robert hekk
tkellem dwar dak li ra: "Dawk il-poyri tfal ma jagħmlux hekk
ohra blief jibbandlu 'l quddiem u luqa, joġorsu li xallu u jiegħ-
għidli bejniethom: u meta jkun kwiet jfisser li jkun tawhom
il-piloli kalmanti. L-istaff ta' dawn l-iskejjel qed iħix bħall-
kiġku ċert li m'hemm soluzzjoni għal din il-problema. Kif
tridu li ssir xi bidla, jekk qabel xejn wieħed ma jabsibx biex
jibdel radikament is-sistema edukattiva ta' dawn l-iskejjel?"

● Fil-hajja pubblika tiegħu Robert jibqa' msemmi għas-
seħm kbir tiegħu fil-żmien il-preżidenza ta' hux, John. Bhalma
qal Lord Hasleeh "Robert kien prezzjuż għal hux; kien il-valve
tas-sigurtà tiegħu, wieħed li kien i-president seta' jgħidli eżat-
tament dak li kien jahseb."

Kien Robert li bħala Attorney General imexxielu jnad-
daf il-qasam trade-unionistiku mill-korruzzjoni u t-terrur ta'
James Hoffa, il-famuz mexxej tat-teamsters u tefgħu l-habs
wara min jaf kemm l-attentat kien sar qabel biex jippruvaw
il-hajja tiegħu. Kien Robert li dawwal lil hux fil-kriżi ta' Kuba
u fil-qawmien tal-moviment għall-jeddijiet ċivili tas-suwed.

● Robert kien bniedem li jhobb il-familja. Għalih martu,
Ethel, u l-10 itfal tiegħu, kienu l-bejta fejn tissokta l-ghaqda u
l-imhabba għall-kuraġġ li dejjem eżistew fil-familja Kennedy.
Kien Kattoliku ferventi, derra l-familja tiegħu ddahhal nofs
kullfurm ta' talb fil-programm tal-ġurnata quddiem il-Kurċifiss
sabiħ ta' Laliue li kellhom fid-dar, rabbihom fil-imhabba lejn
l-eżerċizzju fiżiku u r-rebħa fuq id-diffikultajiet tal-hajja.

Robert kien sinjur. Kellu renta ta' 100,000 dollaru fis-
sena, frott l-investimenti tal-familja Kennedy u tiegħu perso-
nali. Is-salarju tiegħu bħala senatur, li kien jammonta għal
30,000 dollaru fis-sena, kien kollu jagħtih għall-ghajnuna lil-
fqar u l-inkapaċitati.

It-tliet kotba tiegħu jisimhom "The enemy within", "In
search of justice" u "Honest Friends and Courageous enemies".

● Bil-mewt tragika tiegħu l-lista tan-nies kbar, li għand-
hom ideal quddiemhom u għalih jissugraw kollox, reggħet naq-
set fid-dinja preżenti. Jalla, kif qal il-Papa Pawlu VI "dan id-
demma ġeneruż ikun l-aħħar demm li xtered."

Il-Gimgha, 7 ta' Gunju, 1968.

Dewmien fil-Lands. O!

Sur Editor,

Inkonvenjenzi serji li jirrif-
lettu fuq ir-responsabbiltà
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IL-FATTIĠI U T-TEI OPERATORS

Sur Editor,

Qed niktiblek għan-nom
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CRUEL DEATH OF RFK. MEWTA KIEFRA TA' ROBERT KENNEDY

Ghalxejn id-dinja stenniet herqana li Robert Kennedy johroq rebbieħ fil-ġlieda li kellu għall-ħajja. Robert miet il-bieraħ fid-9.44 a.m., 24 siegħa wara li ġie assassinat. Kien qiegħed jiċcelebra r-rebħa tal-primarji elettorali f'Los Angeles California meta intlaqgħat minn żewġ tiri. Ghalxejn issieltu t-Tobba biex jagħtuh il-ħajja u jevitaw tragedja oħra għall-Amerika.

Għal familja Kennedy, familjenti tal-Istati Uniti kien qieja ta' politiċi brillanti jidher li għed lill-pajjiż fuq wiċċ l-idejn hemm stilla ta' malawgħurju man-nazzjonijiet kollha tad-dinsssegwihom kull meta xi hadd ja. Wara dan l-assasinju, assassinom ikun ser jilhaq il-quċċata tal-karriera politika tiegħu. biżżejjed dwar min veru ikkom-Inqas minn hames snin ilu mettieħ jew min kien hemm wahu Robert, John F. Kennedy, ra l-assassin, kellna l-inċident ġie assassinat waqt li bħala Pre-

sident tal-Istati Uniti kien qiesident tal-Istati Uniti kien qie-

IL-MEWT TAS-SENATUR ROBERT KENNEDY

Il-Prim Ministru ta' Malta, l-Onor Dr. G. Borg Olivier, baġat dan il-messaġġ lill-Mrs. Kennedy:

"Għan-nom tal-Gvern u l-poplu ta' Malta kif ukoll għan-nom tiegħi nnifsi nixtieq nibgħat kondoljanzi sinċieri fl-okkażjoni tal-mewt tragika u għall-għarrieda tas-Senatur Kennedy. Malta kollha tinsab ixxukjata b'dan l-att kiefer ta' vjolenza kontra mexxej li jhobb il-paċi."

fost l-aħwa, li kkraxxa waqt li kien qiegħed jikkontesta l-kariġa ta' senatur, post li xorta wadda kiseb.

Issa l-familja Kennedy tinsab mill-ġdid rinfaċċjata b'assasinju, pass viljakk, haqq u degradanti kontra l-aktar zghazugh fost il-kandidati għal presidenza ta' l-Istati Uniti. Aktar li l-attentat mhux ta' xogħol ta' bniedem wieħed. Wara l-assassinju jew assassini kien hemm għaqda, għaqda ta' nies li hafna jaħsbu hi gwidata minn kapitalisti, li staghnew dejjem minn fuq l-armi u li jaraw f'Robert Kennedy, bħal f'huh John, bniedem tal-paċi. Hafna estremisti fl-Istati Uniti, li din is-sensiela ta' assassinji fuq persunaggi popolari prominenti ġibditilhom l-istimerija tal-popli, jidher li mhux talli ma jinkoraggiex politiċi ta' stamina ta' sens u ta' dover anzi jagħmlu minn kollox biex iwarrbu dawn it-talin minn nofs. Dawn l-estremisti jidhru li għandhom l-appoġġ ta' nies għolja fis-soċjeta' tali kwalita' ta' persuni li dak li ma jirnexxilhomx jiksbu bis-sewwa ma jiddejqux iġibuh bid-dnewwa.

Sadattant il-mexxejja kollha tad-dinja ikkundannaw bil-qawwa dan l-attentat viljakk. Il-Kunsill tas-Sigurtà li ltaqa' biex jiddiskuti l-ġlied tal-aħħar bejn Lhud u Arab ha pass li ma gara qatt qabel, agġorna l-l-laqgħa indefinitivament fuq proposta tad-delegat Algerin, bħala sinjal ta' rispettt għas-Senatur Kennedy.

Il-President Johnson li kellemin lin-nazzjon dak in-nhar ta' l-attentat ordna bodyguards għal kull kandidat presidenzjali u skorta għal familja tagħhom. Hatar ukoll kommissjoni biex tistudja x'qiegħed iwassal għal dawn l-atti baxxi. Il-kandidati kollha għan-nomina presidenzjali ftehmli li jwaqqfu l-battalja tagħhom elettorali, bħala sinjal ta' rispettt, u għandhom jiltaqgħu aktar tard go Washington biex jiddiskuti l-pass li jmiss.

TRAGEDJA AMERIKANA

zaghżugh, simpatiku, mimli bl-idealizmu, mogħni b'kapaci'ta' politika eċċezzjonali, Robert F. Kennedy, kien figura tar-realta' u figura tal-holm. B'kuragg' fiziku u morali li rari ssibhom fi bniedem wieħed, b'konvinzjoni u b'sens tad-dinja, li flimkien ġeneralment ma joqogħdux, b'mezzi ta' miljunarju u b'segwitu ta' foqra, imġewha, suwed, bojod, Lhud u Irlandiżi; kampjun għall-artisti, għall-intellektwali, għall-istudenti, benjamin ta' l-isportivi; imdawwal imma mhux eklissat bid-dija ta' huh; b'gibda qawwi-ja għan-nisa u b'seher fuq iż-zghazagh, b'appell uniku minhabba r-religjon li jhaddan u jipprattika għal kull min jgħożż il-valuri eterni; kien iktar milli politiku, raġġ ta' tama.

Dak ir-raġel xipli, imma qisu fjamma, kien jaf il-ħażen tal-politika fuq ponot subajh. Kellu organizzazzjoni perfetta. Kien jaf juza l-bnedmin. Kien jaf jagħzel il-mument. Kien jaf jiddiporta ruhu fit-telfa u kien jaf iżomm il-qies fir-rebħa. Determinat, jasal u jwassal. Kellu l-kuraġġ jibda jikkritika l-gwerra tal-Vjetnam, anki meta dan ma kienx il-ħsieb tal-maġġoranza ta' l-Amerikani. Kellu l-kuraġġ jidhol fit-tellieqa għal presidenza meta hafna hasbu li mhux il-waqt.

Kien kapaci' jgħennen il-folol. Mhux billi jappella għall-istinti l-ħżiena u elementari, bħal vendetta. Mhux billi jimxi lejn l-opinjoni tal-maġġoranza, imma billi jgħib il-maġġoranza biex temmen bħalu f'dak li huwa kien ikkonvinċa ruhu li huwa sewwa, li hemm bżonn isir. Mingħajr ma jdarras iż-żejjed u b'doża meqjusa ta' sens komun.

Imma hafna minn dan kien wirt tad-demmi jew don tan-natura. Anki fil-kuraġġ kien imdorri u kien imfassal. Il-mewt kbir tiegħu huwa fil-għażla li għamel: fis-servizz ta' min u ta' xiex tefa' dik l-enerġija bla fini, l-intelligenza, is-simpatija, il-kuraġġ, flusu, saħħtu, l-esseri tiegħu.

Fis-servizz ta' min u ta' xiex. Kien wild ta' klas-sinjura u mrobbi fix-xabgħa. Kien għamilha ma' l-aħjar imħuħ u habib ta' l-iktar familji għolja. Kellu l-ambizzjoni ffixsata lejn l-iktar pożizzjonijiet fil-quċċata ta' l-Istat Amerikan. U dan ma kkorrompihx.

Fis-servizz ta' min u ta' xiex. Il-kumdi'ta' ma kellu qatt il-bżonn li jfittixha. Kien jaf jagħzel l-aħjar vilel u villegġjatura, u kellu l-gosti ta' min sab dejjem madwaru l-ifjen, l-isbaħ, l-iktar lussuż. Il-vjaġġi, l-isport, tax-xitwa u tas-sajf. It-teatri. Il-Yachts. Il-pjaċiri kollha li jistgħu jinxtraw bil-flus jew bl-attrazzjoni ta' persuna simpatika, u brillanti. U l-għass, il-lussu, l-egoizmu, ma rebhux.

Fis-servizz ta' min u ta' xiex. Tar-razza sewda, li għadha lura, vjolenti, bla rażan, bla qies tal-mezzi, bla sens tal-bżonnija tal-għaqda, bla tagħlim, bla xogħol, bla rispettt għaliha nfisha, bla fiduċja fiha nfisha: im-ħaħħda mid-drittijiet tagħha u bla idea tajba fuq l-aħjar mod kif tiksibhom u malajr. Tal-foqra kollha tal-Amerika, b'xorti forsi aghar minn dawk ta' pajjiżi oħra, għaliex imdawrin dawra mejt bil-ġid u l-għana f'idejn haddieħor. Taz-zghazagh ta' pajjiżu mehuda għal gwerra qalila mingħajr fini ta' rebħ veru u mingħajr riżultati li jiġġustifikaw tant demm. Tad-destin kbir ta' pajjiżu, mitluf fl-istess qawwa enormi tiegħu, u jafx fejn sewwa sejjer. Tal-paċi fid-dinja, miżmuma mhux bil-minaċċi, imma bl-użu tas-sens, bit-tixrid tal-progress imma mingħajr il-biża' li jtellef kollox tal-mexxej dgħajf.

Kien hemm min ma hamilx. Kien hemm min ma felaxx iħallix jilhaq il-għan li jkompli fejn halla huh John. Ma' l-ewwel sinjal ta' rebħa riedu jeqirduh. Kien qiegħed jiċcelebra l-akbar vittorja politika tiegħu. Ix-xena nbidlet minn waħda ta' ferħ għal waħda tragika. Żewġ balal minn pistola indifnu f'rasu u kull attentat minn sitt professuri biex iġibuh f'sensieħ falla. Robert Kennedy miet u d-dinja tinsab imkexkxa u mbikkma b'din it-tieni tragedja tal-familja Kennedy.

WARD LETTERARJU

LIL BOB KENNEDY

*Hsibijiet ma' l-ahbar
ta' attentat fuq il-hajja
ta' dan iż-żagħżuġ politiku.*

Is-Seklu Ghoxrin
— is-seklu tal-progress
— is-seklu tal-kisba spazjali ...
— Is-seklu tal-mibegħda,
qawmien u rvellijiet,
għetf fil-Vjetnam,
fil-Lvant Nofsani
u mkejjen ohra
fejn jghammar il-bniedem tal-lum.
Is-Seklu Ghoxrin
— is-seklu tal-firda razjali.
— is-seklu tal-progress!

Kbir bhal huk,
u bhalu sfajt vittma ta' dell il-mewt
li riedet teqirdek
biex ma tistgħallx rebbiet għaqlek u dehnek.
Habbajt il-fqar,
ulied ie-ēahda
u dawk ta' gilda sewda.
Tagħhom kont il-missier,
'ma f'salt riedu joqtluk l-ghedewwa
u jhallu l uliedek iltiema
bhalma għalhom bil-mewt
ta' huk, u l-mexxej Luther King.
Fuq min se jaqgħu?
Lil min huma se jgharrfu hekk b'missierhom?

Il-bniedem tal-lum ma jridx paci,
sedq, rizq u hena;
irid il-ġlied,
mibegħda,
qerda ta' sliem.
Il-bniedem modern
irid il-m.e.w.t
u biki fost il-ġnus.

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PAWLU CACHIA.



BIEX TISTABAR

*Fl-okkażżjoni tal-attentat
fuq il-hajja tal-politikant
Amerikan Robert Kennedy.*

Meta tkun taf li jobogħduk ghax haj,
demmek jiksah go fik; jinqata' n-nifs;
sakemm tiftakar
li tal-mibegħda s-saltna għaddiena wisq
u wisq qasira; u li triq l-imhabba
bla tmiem u twarrad xogħlijiet beżlin
li l-qalb jimlew bil-ferh u l-moħh bis-sliem!
Mela hallihom jobogħduk ghax haj;
l-aqwa li għadek haj; u ahdem, ahdem;
halli l-imhabba tixgħel fik — lampier
ta' dawl fid-dlam, bejta ta' hniena!
Halli warajk hi min jaqta' l-qalb irid;
insieh! L-Istorja l-hafna hajna nsiet
għad li bla għadd nisllhom u t-tajba titt.

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WALLACE PH. GULIA.



Xi grajja mhux tas-soltu
tqanqal hafna ghagħha u hse-
bijiet u l-poeta ma jonqosx li
jittiehed minn dan it-tqanqil
u jfissru fil-berah biex kul-
hadd ikun jista' jagħraf
fhemtu.

Hekk gara ma' l-ahbar
dwar l-attentat u l-qtil tas-
Senatur Robert Kennedy, li
meta kien għadu ferhan bir-
rebha li kiseb fit-tellieqa
Presidenzjali, safa vittma ta'
min ma għarafx l-idejali
gholi ta' l-umanità.

L-istess bħafma ma gara
fil-qtil ta' huf, il-President
John F. Kennedy u ta' Dr.
Martin Luther King, il-mex-
xej tas-Suwed, xi poeti has-
sew il-lehma tal-poezija
wkoll minn din il-grajja.

X'Hin l-Astratt

Jiehu l-Materja...

*(Miktuba sagħtejn wara
l-attentat ta' qtil fuq
Robert Kennedy)*

Sallbu! Sallbu!
Għajtu l-kotra.
Oqtlu! Oqtlu!
Qalu n-nies:

dan min hu
biex
f'din id-dinja
halef
ried jagħmel il-ġid?!

Mutu! Mutu!
Għajtu ż-żgħażaġh.
Tuna! Tuna!
Ir-regim:

dawn min huma,
nies jew boloh,
dawn xi jridu,
għilt jew qtil?!

Idfnu! Idfnu!
Għajtu l-boloh.
Izfnu! Izfnu!
Werzqu l-qlel:

dawn min huma,
f'art tal-ġenna
jridu jgħajjxu
lill-bnedmin?!

Idhku! Idhku!
jasal seh'mkom.
Ibku! Ibku!
Imsejknin!

X'hin l-asttratt
jiehu l-materja,
min se jkun
l-qalbenin?!

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WARA L-MEWT TAS-SENATUR KENNEDY

IS-SENATUR Amerikan Robert F. Kennedy miet. Ismu 'certa-
ment' ghandu jinnizzei ma' nies ohra kbar li gew assassinati
fi-Amerika bhall-istess b'uh il-President John F. Kennedy, Dr
Martin Luther King, il-President Abraham Lincoln u ohrajn. Din
hija tragedia liha ghand-istati Uniti ta' l-Amerika. Hija wkoli
xejn inqas tragedia ghad-dinja kollha.

Illum, wara l-mewt vjolenti tas-Senatur Kennedy, li kien qed jikkontesta l-elezzjonijiet presidenzjali fl-Amerika li ghaadhom isiru f'Novembru li gei, l-istmerrja tad-dinja kontra dan l-assassinju wahxi tkompli tizzied, Fl-waqt li l-umanita' tinsab innidkta, hija wkoll fl-istess waqt tinsab minnha bil-ghadab u fl-waqt li tkoll haqq skond il-ligi, tappella wkoll biex min hu responsabbli jiehru dawk il-passi kollha mehtiega biex affarijiet bhal dawn ma jergghux ilgru.

Il-poplu Amerikan flim qed iħoss gewwa fih mistħija kbira quddiem id-dinja kollha għal din il-grazzja mill-izjed kerna, għalkemm m'għandniex tehel nazzjon shiha ma' bniedem fanatiku u mogħmi bil-passjoni li nehha l-haffja ta' politiku kbir b'arma tan-nar. Iżda jekk l-Amerikani' qegħdin jisthu minnhom infushom, daqshekk iehor għandha' għax tisthi minnha nfisha l-istess umanità-kollha għax ahna kroll aħwa ta' xulxin.

Bil-mewt ta' Kennedy l-Amerika u d-dinja kollha tilfu bniedem li kelli l-kwalitajiet kollha sbieħ ta' mexxej kbir, bniedem ta' ispirazzjoni u li seta' jnissel tama kbira fil-geġjieni. Għalhekk dan l-assassinju mhux biss neħħa l-hajja ta' bniedem, imma faqqar lil-Amerika u lil-umanita' kollha. Nistghu nqiedu li ma ntilfexx biss il-hajja ta' bniedem, imma ntilfu wkoll hafna tamiet sbieħ mill-umanita' kollha. Quddiemu Kennedy kellu prospetti kbar li jista' jkun il-President ta' l-Istati Uniti u hekk il-possibiltà li jgħid bidla kbira fil-qagħda dinjija kollha kemm hi.

Intqal li s-soċjeta' Amerikana hija marida marda serja hafna na. Imma mhux is-soċjeta' Amerikana biss qed tbat minn din il-marda, imma mistgħu ngħidu kuoll poplu iehor li hawn fid-dinja. Anki s-soċjeta' tagħna-Maltija hija marida b'mard ta' intolleranza, politika u reliġjuża, bil-fanatizmu qawwi, bil-mibegħda bejn klassi u oħra.

U dak li jghaddiek l-izzjed u jnissel fik stmerrija u tkexxir kbir huwa kif nies li jistghu jkunu ta' gid kbir għall-umanita' jingħu meqruda hekk hesrem u vjolentement, il-bnedmin kollha, wara din it-tragedja Amerikana, jehtieg li jidhlu dahlha sewwa fihom infushom u jfejju l-mard ikrah li għandhom li l-medicina għalih hija t-tolleranza, l-imhabba, l-gustizzja, il-komprensjoni, il-koperazzjoni bejn wiehied u iehor . . . affarijiet li kemm-il darba ipriedka s-Senatur Robert F. Kennedy.



Il-Familja Kennedy Donnha Ddestinata Ghad-Dizgrazzji

Mir-Reporter Taghna

L-MEWT ta' Robert Kennedy, b'bullet ta' assassin, kompliet ziedet l-ideja fl-Amerka li l-Familja Kennedy hija ddestinata għall-akbar unuri u gloria fl-Istat u l-akbar tragedji li wiehed jista' jsofri, jgħifiri l-mewt vjolenti.

Il-familja Kennedy origi-narjament kienet emigrat mill-Irlanda fl-1846 minhabba l-għu kbir li kien hemm f'dak il-pajjiż. Patrick Kennedy, li kien bidwi, meta emigra fl-Amerka daħal jaħ-dem ta' haddiem kwalunkwe f'Boston u meta miet għaxar snin wara, f'it wara li twe-lidha ibnu Patrick Joseph, kien għadu f'qir u jgħix minn għarnata għall-ohra daqs dik in-nhar li kien telaq mill-Irlanda.

Patrick Joseph fetax hanut tax-xorb u f'dan il-hanut bdew jingemgħu għadd ta' emigranti Irlandiżi li xtaqu li jkollhom raġel ta' l-affari tiegħu b'lekk jirrapprezenthom fil-Gvern lokali. Fl-1886 Patrick Joseph gie elett Membru tal-Kamra tar-Rap-prezentanti ta' Massachusetts u sitt snin wara rnexxilu jk-seb post fis-Senat bħala membru tal-Partit Demokra-

tiku. Qatt ma ħareġ fil-beraħ b'lekk jikksew popolarità, imma kien jaħdem minn wara l-ikwinti b'lekk iżid il-voti għall-Partit tiegħu. Kien ma-tul dan iż-żmien li Patrick Kennedy ibeda jakkumula l-fortuna immensa li għam-litu kważi miljunarju sa f'it snin wara.

Lil ibnu Joseph Patrick baġitu jistudja f'Boston u fl-Università ta' Harvard. Dan it-tfajjel kien il-missier tal-President Kennedy. Wara li spiċċa l-Università, Joseph Patrick iżżewweg lil Rose Fitzgerald li missierha kien wiehed mill-aqwa nies fil-politika fil-belt ta' Boston. Il-Kardinal O'Connell żewweg lil Joseph Patrick u Rose Fitzgerald f'tieg li baqa' jis-semma għal hafna żmien.

Joseph Patrick beda jaħ-dem ta' bankier u fl-1917 l a h a q il-Manager tal-Bethlehem Steel's Fore River

Shipyard, meta l-industriji kollha fl-Amerka kienu qed jirduppjaw l-isforzi tagħ-hom minhabba l-gwerra. Fl-1920 Komplix zied li-gid li kien ga akkumula u anki ndaħal fl-industrija tal-films f'Hollywood. Kien għadli biż-zejjed b'lekk jara minn żmien qabel li l-Amerka kienet ries-qa lejn kriżi finanzjarja u għallhekk ha passi b'lekk isah-haħ il-gid tiegħu b'passi meħtieġa qabel ma wasal dak id-dizastru li fih bosta finanzjieri u kapitalisti Ame-rikani tiffu gidhom u hajjit-hom. Kien f'dan iż-żmien li Joseph Patrick sar haħib ta' Franklyn D. Roosevelt.

Joseph Patrick kellu gid immens, kellu familja ta' oisat tiffal, u għalxi żmien fil-gwerra kien Ambaxxatur Amerikan fl-Ingliterra. F'it nies kienu jafu li bintu l-kbira Rosemary kienet mentalment ritardata. Il-gwerra b'diet is-sensjela ta' tragedji għal din il-familja li kienet tiffder li hi maħluqa għall-aqwa unuri. Fl-1943 ibnu Jack salva b'miraklu meta l-bastiment tiegħu għereq. Sena wara, fl-2 ta' Awissu 1944 waslet l-aħbar li ibnu iehor Joe Junior kien tiffel haħtu meta l-bomber li kien fuqu sploda fl-ajru. Għimaghlejn wara l-Markiż ta' Hartington, ir-raġel ta' Kathleen Kennedy miet ukoll fil-gwerra wara erba' xhur biss miżżewġin. Fl-1948 Kathleen mietet hija wkoll meta l-ajruplan tagħha kkraxxja go muntanja fi Franza. Fl-1955 mart Bobby Kennedy tiffet lill-ġenituri tagħha fi kkraxx iehor bi-ajru u fl-1966 tiffet lil huha George bi-istess mod.

Edward Kennedy, iben iehor minn din il-familja, u wkoll Senator, għaldaqsejn ma mietx ukoll f'incident f'Gunju tal-1964. Kien kiser is-sinsja ta' daħru u kien għamel żmien twil fis-sodda qabel ma seta' jimxi mill-gid.

Il-gid tal-President John F. Kennedy f'it snin ilu u l-istess tragedja li messet lil huħ Robert, jumejn ilu, ziedet f'moħħ il-pubbliku Ame-rikan dak is-sens ta' fatalita' li donnu, sar haġa waħda mal-Familja ta' Kennedy.

IL-FAMILJA TA' ROBERT KENNEDY. (Mix-xellug): Matthew ta' 3 snin; Christopher, 4; Kerry, 6; Courtney, 11; Kathleen, 16; Mrs. Kennedy b'Douglas li għandu f'it iżjed minn sena; is-Senatur Robert Kennedy; Joseph, 15; Robert Jr., 14; David, 12; u Michael, 10.

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A LAST TRIBUTE

Robert Kennedy lies in State

(Reuter's Service). NEW YORK, June 7:

More than 4,000 mourners an hour filed weeping and grim-faced past the closed coffin of assassinated Senator Robert F. Kennedy in St. Patrick's Cathedral here today.

In less than six hours after dawn, when the massive doors of the Cathedral swung open to admit them, more than 25,000 people were estimated to have passed the black-draped catafalque where the coffin lay.

A long procession of grieving mourners of all ages, races and religions, and many nationalities, wound back from the doors around the heart of Manhattan for over a dozen city blocks, the grim queue grew hour by hour.

Hundreds waited all night to pay their last tribute. Those arriving during the morning had to wait up to three hours to get in.

Mothers cradling babies, children, blind men, elderly cripples shuffling forward on crutches, and young students, many weeping openly, filed sadly past.

Relatives and aides of the dead Senator, and his friends among the stars and celebrities from all walks of life took turns in keeping 30-

minute vigils around the mahogany coffin, flanked by six yellow candles.

The Negro civil rights anthem "We shall Overcome" rose above the sad sound of shuffling as the mourners filed past the Senator, champion of the poor and underprivileged.

(Reuter's Service)

An undercover detective — testifying several hours after Robert Kennedy was shot in Los Angeles — told the New York State Supreme Court he had been informed the Senator was on a list of five people "who should be assassinated." The detective said he had infiltrated an organization known as the Action Black Brotherhood Improvement Association.

The list of "Five"

DETECTIVE TESTIFIES

NEW YORK, June 7.

Hearing of evidence

(Reuter's Service)

LOS ANGELES, June 7:

Fourteen women and nine men sat behind closed doors on the fifth floor of the Hall of Justice here today and began hearing evidence about the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The task of this Los Angeles County Grand Jury is to decide whether there is enough evidence to file charges against Sirhan Bishara,

Sirhan, the 24-year-old Jordanian-born immigrant accused of being the assassin.

Among the first witnesses called was Dr. Henry Cuneo, who operated on Senator Kennedy.

Among others in the witness room were Jesus Perez, a kitchen worker at the Ambassador Hotel where the shooting took place, and two people who were wounded in the shooting, Ira Goldstein and Irwin Stroll.

Sixteen witnesses registered for appearance before the Grand Jury, although 26 had been subpoenaed.

LATE NEWS:

LOS ANGELES, June 7:

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Office announced today that the woman in the polka dot dress wanted for questioning in connexion with the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy had surrendered to the police. She identified herself as Kathy Fulmer, 19, of Los Angeles. She said she had no connexion with Sirhan Sirhan.

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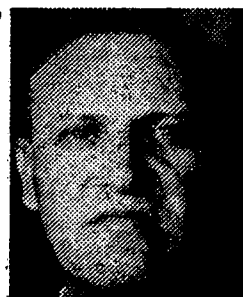
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Observations

by Paul Xuereb MP



On Kennedy

I HAVE just heard the most disturbing news that has for the third time in five years shaken the world's conscience. Senator Robert Kennedy celebrating his California primary victory was shot, taken to hospital and found to be in a critical condition. (He has since died).

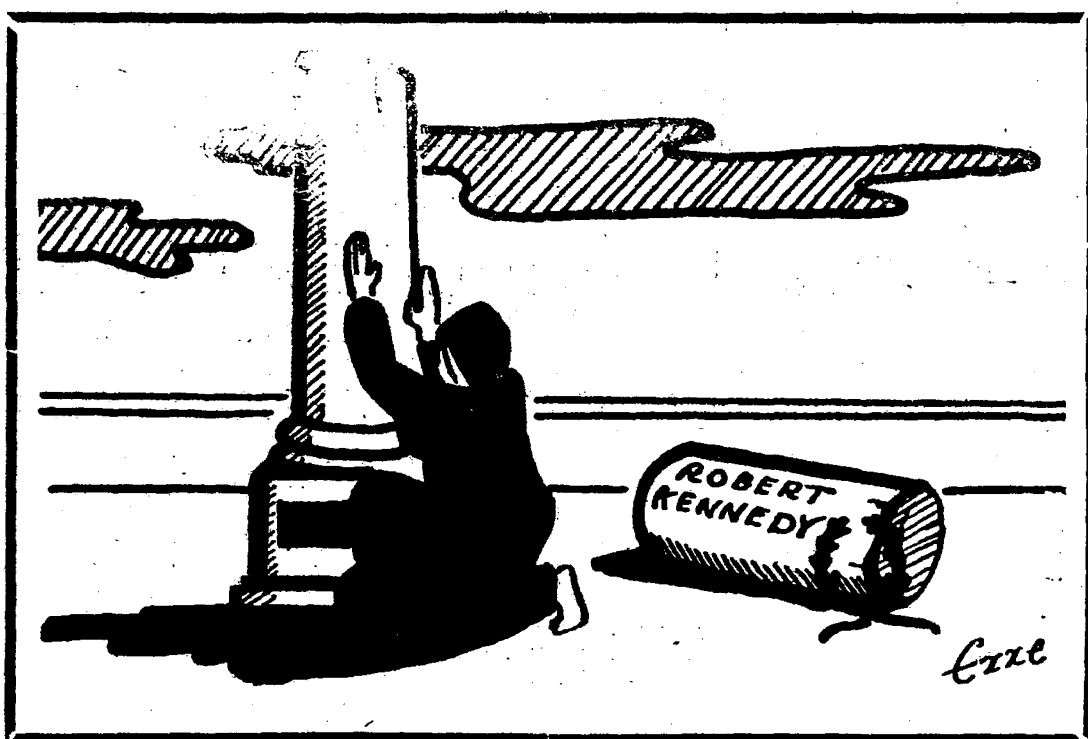
What can one say on this tragic event? There are no fit enough words to express one's disgust and one's sorrow.

American morality has never figured in my estimate anywhere near an acceptable level. A rich country that has so many poor and outcasts may boast to be a democracy, but it is nothing more than a big jail of human misery and a savage jungle. But then what can one expect? Most of the films coming out of America deal with blazing guns speaking death and the most cruel and barbaric instincts of human nature. I am quite sure this so-called culture inevitably has a very bad effect on American morality and if such films have not, in such a small place like Malta, it is only because we tend to look at film episodes as happening thousands of miles away and can therefore never happen here.

The leading country of finance in the world is also the leading country of assassins. Few in Malta are perhaps aware that when President Franklin D. Roosevelt was campaigning for his first Presidential election an assassin also intended to finish his life. The bullet hit and killed another person, if I remember correctly, the mayor of Chicago.

Whatever the past, it is the present that is more important and at the moment America is a country covered in shame.

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ROBERT KENNEDY SER JINDIFEN QIRIB HUH

It-tragedja tal-Familja Kennedy

Nhar il-Ħamis li għadda, 25 siegħa wara li ġie milqut mill-bala ta' assassin Għarbi s-Senatur Robert Kennedy, kandidat għall-Presidenza Amerikana f'din is-sena, miet mill-grieħi kawżati u b'hekk kien it-tieni Kennedy fil-familja li ġar-rab tragedja hekk kbira.

Nhar il-Hadd li ġej il-President Johnson iddikjarah bħala jum ta' luttu nazzjonali għall-Amerika kollha. Mill-espressjonijiet ta' kondoljanzi li waslu lill-familja Kennedy f'dawn il-ġranet, u mill-importanza mogħtija lil din it-tragedja għda, jidher li l-mewt ta' Robert Kennedy tefgħet lid-dinja kollha f'niket kbira.

Il-katavru ta' Robert Kennedy ġie meħud fi New York fejn ġie mqiegħed fil-Kattidraħ Kattoliku ta' St. Patrick. Hawnekk għandu jibqa' sal-lum is-Sibt u għieghi kbar ta' nies marru juruh ir-rispett tagħhom, ħafna minnhom bid-dmugh f'għajnejhom. Is-senatur Robert Kennedy kien elett minn New York u hemm kien maħbub l-aktar mill-Amerikani.

Robert Kennedy għandu jigi midfun fl-Arlington National Cemetery ta' Washington hdejn huh il-kbir il-president John Kennedy. F'dis-kors magħmul mill-president Johnson qal: "It-tragedja u l-vjolenza bla sens li kkawżat il-mewt ta' Robert Kennedy titfa' dell ta' niket fuq l-Amerika u fuq id-dinja kollha".

Il-Q.T. il-Papa qaddes għall-bżonnijiet ta' ruh Robert Kennedy. Nhar is-Sibt għandu jsir il-funeral solenni fil-Kattidraħ ta' St. Patrick mill-Arċisqof ta' New York, Cooke li kien ħabib personali tas-senatur.

Sadattant għad li instabu ħafna informazzjonijiet fuq

il-qattiel ta' Robert Kennedy qed isir tiftix biex tinstab x'kienet ir-raġuni li wasslet lil Sirhan Sirhan jagħmel az-zjoni bħal din. L-assassin ma kienx magħruf bħala kriminali, jingħad li għex ħajja maqtugħa mill-politika u hawn min isostni li kien jam-mira l-politika tas-senatur.

Mill-erba' aħwa subien tal-Kennedy issa baqa' Edward magħruf bħala Ted li hu wkoll senatur. Ted kien ikraxxa b'ajruplan fl-1964 u għal xi żmien kien maħsub li ser jibqa' mmankat. X'aktarx li Ted jieħu f'idejh it-tmexxija tal-politika tal-familja Kennedy u hawn min jahseb li ser johroġ bħala kandidat għal viċi-president ta' l-Amerika.



Il-familja Kennedy fl-1962. Fiċ-ċentru bil-wieqfa jidher il-mejtin President John u huh Bobby. Ethel, mart Bobby, tidher l-ewwel mix-xellug, missier Bobby, Joseph, li għadu ħaj, hu t-tieni raġel mix-xellug filwaqt li Edward, l-uniku mis-subien ħajjin, jidher bil-qiegħda hdejn Jacqueline Kennedy, l-armia tal-mejjet president John Kennedy.

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ELUF TA' NIES IMORRU JARAW IL-KATAVRU TA' ROBERT KENNEDY

NEW YORK, il-Gimgha.

Eluf ta' nies jinsabu ghaddejjin minn hdejn il-katavru tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy, li jinsab fil-Kattidral Kattoliku ta' S. Patrick fi New York. Il-purcisjoni twila, li tinkludt nies minn kull razza u ta' kull religjoni, kienet mistennija li tkompli sa tard bil-lejl. Bosta minn dawn in-nies hdejn jibku pubblikament u ohrajn resqu lejn it-tebut halli jmissuh jew inkella jbusuh.

F'mument minnhom, meta omm Kennedy dahlet fil-Kattidral, wiehed mit-tfal ta' Robert ha postu fil-Gwardja ta' l-Unur li kienet prezenti.

Matul il-lejl li ghadda, l-uniku tifel li ghad fadliha haj Mrs. Kennedy, is-Senatur Edward Kennedy, qaghad hdejn il-katavru ta' huh.

Bini Pubbliku, skejje u kulleggi fi New York, kienu maghluqa matul il-jum. Ghada se ssir quddiesa tal-mejtin u wara l-katavru ta' Robert Kennedy jittiehed gha-Cimiterju Internazzjonali ta' Arlington, barra Washington.

Hu se jindifen qrib il-qabar ta' huh, il-President John F. Kennedy li gie assassinat fl-1963.

Il-President L. Johnson id-

dikjara li nhar il-Hadd se jkun jum ta' Luttu Nazzjonali.

Il-każ ta' Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, iż-żagħżuġ emigrant Gharbi, li hu akkużat li spara fuq is-Senatur Kennedy, il-lum kellu jidher quddiem 'Grand Jury' f'Los Angeles, biex jiġi deċiż jekk hemmx każ ta' omicidju.

Korrispondenti qalu li ntgħazel il-'Grand Jury' għal skopijiet ta' Sigurta' minhabba li b'dan Sirhan ma jkollux bżonn jidher quddiem il-Qorti. Diga' kien hemm thedid biex joqtluh.

L-Assemblea Generali tal-Gnus Magħquda osservat minuta silenzju bhala fittkira tas-Senatur Kennedy. Dan kien attribut mhux tas-soltu għal ċittadin privat.



Il-Kattidral ta' S. Patrick fejn qiegħed il-katavru tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy.

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MEWĠA TA' VJOLENZA ID-DINJA MHASSBA

L-attakk infami li sar fuq is-Senatur Robert Kennedy bil-konsegwenza tragika tal-mewt tiegħu, ta skoss qawwi lill-opinjoni pubblika amerikana. Nies magħrufa staqsew: x'ser isir mill-Amerika jekk tkompli miexxa fit-triq tal-vjolenza u tat-terroriżmu? L-incident ta' Robert Kennedy fakkar f'dak ta' Martin Luther King ftit xhur ilu u f'dak ta' erba' snin ilu tal-President Kennedy, hu s-Senatur Robert.

Il-President Johnson ikkwalfika dawn l-incidenti bħala "fenomenu tragiku" u tant hu mhasseb fuq dan il-fenomenu li waqqaf Kummissjoni biex tistudja l-kawzi ta' din il-mewġa ta' vjolenzi. Post il-membri ta' din il-Kummissjoni hemm l-Arċisqof Kattoliku ta' New York, is-suċċessur tal-Kardinal Spellman, Mons. Cooke. Din l-għażla ma hiex mingħajr tifsira. Il-Knisja Kattolika dejjem hadet pożizzjoni ċara u soda kontra kull għamla ta' vjolenza u l-influwenza tagħha fid-dinja tinhass anki mill-mexxejja ta' l-Istati. Sir Winston Churchill meta darba kien talab lil Stalin biex jagħti l-liberta' lill-Kattoliċi, għall-mistoqsija ta' Stalin: kemm għandu suldati l-Papa? kien wiegħb li l-Papa għandu miljuni ta' fidili mxerrda mad-dinja kollha, li jistgħu jinfluwenzaw il-hajja tad-dinja.

Hu bir-raġun li l-vjolenza qed tħasseb lid-dinja. Li teħles minn mexxejja billi tispara fuqhom ftit kolpi ta' pistola mhux biss iġib nuqqas ta' demokrazija, iżda tista' tgerrex lill-aħjar nies tad-dinja milli jkomplu jiehdu sehem attiv fil-hajja politika. Il-President Johnson qal li "din il-vjolenza lista' teqred l-aħjar nies fostna." Dawn l-atti ta' vjolenza huma attentati kontra l-ispiritu patrijottiku ta' daww li b'sagrifiċju iridu jiddedikaw ruħhom għall-gid tal-pajjiż. X'kellu bżonn, per eżempju, jekk mhux għax imhegġeġ minn sens għoli patrijottiku, is-Senatur Robert Kennedy missier ta' għaxar ulied, li jiehu sehem attiv fil-hajja politika ta' l-Amerika?

Ir-rizultat tal-Kummissjoni ta' inkjesta, imwaqqfa mill-President Johnson, biex tistudja l-kawzi tal-mewġa tal-vjolenzi, ser ikun interessanti. Fil-fehma tagħna wahda mill-kawzi huma daww il-films kollha li qed isiru u jinxterdu b'eluf u li ma jurux hlief xenj ta' vjolenza u sadiżmu. F'bosta minn dawn il-films il-vjolenza hi inkoraġġita u anki meta l-film ikollu skop li jagħti messaġġ kontra l-konsegwenzi tal-vjolenza, id-deskrizzjonijiet huma magħmula b'tant hajja li minflok jilhq u l-iskop tagħhom, jilhaq skop kuntrarju.

Hemm bżonn li anki f'Malta u Għawdex, nibdew nirrealizzaw li permezz tat-television qegħdin jingħataw lezzjonijiet ta' delitti u vjolenzi li qed jidhlu bil-mod fil-moħħ u fil-qalb tal-ġenerazzjonijiet taż-żgħar u taż-żgħażaġh u li l-quddiem jistgħu jhallu effetti hżiena. Tajjeb li fuq dawn l-affarijiet nintebhu minn issa qabel ma jkun tard wisq.

L-attakk fuq is-Senatur Robert Kennedy, forsi seta' jnessi għal mument, atti ohra ta' vjolenza li qed jiġru fl-Ewropa u li ma humiex inqas gravi.

Id-distorbji imqanqla fl-Ewropa mill-istudenti universitarji ma humiex inqas gravi. Meta nabsu li l-istudenti ta' l-Universitajiet huma l-mexxejja ta' għada, għandna nallarmaw ruħna serjament fuq dan il-fenomenu. Dan il-fenomenu wasal biex jiddomina anki studenti kattoċi bħalma huma l-istudenti ta' l-universita' kattoċi ta' Milan, universita' li — kif jaf kulhadd — sal-bierah tat lill-Italja l-aħjar mexxejja politiċi tagħha.

Il-mewġa ta' vjolenza li qed tiddomina f'parti kbira tad-dinja hi sfida lill-istess ċivilta' tad-dinja. Jekk fiċ-ċivilta' tal-lum il-materjaliżmu qed jiehu post is-sens tal-ġustizzja, ta' l-imħabba u ta' l-ordni, x'ser isir mid-dinja ta' għada? Ser tibda s-saltna tal-kaos?

ROBERT KENNEDY

Pajjiżna għadu jemmen fl-opri tajba

(Minn "WIEHED MINNKOM")

Kull min segwa fuq it-television Taljan nhar l-Erbgħa, li għaddew, it-traġedja ta' Robert Kennedy, għad għandu, biex ngħid hekk, ix-shock go fih u għad għandu f'widnejh il-biki, l-għajjat ta' paniku, l-isteriżmu tal-folla u quddiem għajnejh lil Bobby Kennedy għal tulu fl-art, b'għadira demm taħt rasu, bil-qassis madwaru. Traġedja terribbli. Assass-sinju selvaġġ.

It-televiżjoni llum qiegħda tohodna madwar id-dinja u bħallikieku tagħmilna preżenti għal kull ma jiġri. Fl-istess hin it-televiżjoni qiegħda tiddistruġgi l-fruntieri kollha u qiegħda xxerred bħal rih qawwi fil-foresti inċendi ta' pajjiż fil-pajjiżi l-oħra kollha. L-irvellijiet ta' l-istudenti fiċ-Ċina u f'Parigi, li bdew sena ilu, xterdu f'bosta mill-bliet tad-dinja: fil-Polonja, f'Berlin, f'Tokyo, f'Roma, fil-Kalifornja, f'Madrid, f'Londra, f'Belgrade, fi Brussels, fi Praga, eċċ. Iż-żgħażaġh ta' pajjiż jaraw x'sar f'pajjiż iehor.

Illum il-fruntieri bejn il-pajjiżi qegħdin jispiċċaw. Il-fruntieri ġodda huma daww bejn ġenerazzjoni u ohra.

IL-FROTT SKOND IS-SIĠRA

Tabilhaqq il-ġenerazzjoni ta' qabel dik tallum ma nis-tgħux nifhmu biżżejjed il-mentalità, il-filosofija tal-hajja, l-ideologija, il-karattru, l-aspirazzjonijiet taż-żgħażaġh tagħna. F'pajjiżna, li hu pajjiż żgħir bi tradizzjoni kattoċi li għadha qawwiya, alla-volja l-art qiegħda tiċċaqlaq sewwva taħt saqajna, din id-differenza bejn ġenerazzjoni u ohra, allavolja tinhass u kemm tinhass, mhux hekk qawwiya u radikali daqs kemm hi f'hafna pajjiżi ohra.

L-irvellijiet ta' l-istudenti f'hafna pajjiżi, speċjalment dak kollu li qanqlu f'Parigi, ġie bħala sorpriza għal mis-sirijiethom u għall-istess gvern. U jekk ahna ma nis-tgħux nifhmu l-ġenerazzjonijiet ta' warajna inqas huma ma jistgħu jifhmu lilna li donna nagħmlu minn dinja ohra.

B'danakollu, jekk irridu nkunu ġusti u ma nikkundannawx biss iż-żgħażaġh, jeħtieġ li nirrikonoxxu li l-frott tal-lum ġej mis-siġra tagħna u ta' mis-sirijietna.

Id-dinja qatt ma kienet tajba. Iżda ma' tul l-aħħar ġenerazzjonijiet id-dinja, ftit ftit, bdiet titbiegħed mill-ftit, bdiet titbiegħed mill-filosofija nisranija tal-hajja u taċċetta filosofija materjalista. Il - materjaliżmu tal-lemin, egoista, mimli regħba, bla ġustizzja soċjali, hu hażin daqs il-materjaliżmu tax-xellug li hu mibni fuq il-mibegħda u fuq il-vjolenza u fuq l-idea rivoluzzjonarja. Il-materjaliżmu filosofiku tal-lemin ġieb il-liberaliżmu lajċista li, bħala reazzjoni wara r-rivoluzzjoni industrijali ta' l-Ewropa, ġieb is-soċjaliżmu marxista u l-komuniżmu. U fid-dinja tal-lum hawn l-ingustizzja kbira ta' min għandu ż-żejjed u ma jgħinx u ma jagħtix każ ta' min għandu l-ġuħ. Din l-ingustizzja soċjali hi wkoll ingustizzja internazzjonali.

ILSIERA TAL-MAGNI
Iż-żewġ gwerer komplew

"Ilehen is-sewwa" — is-sibt, 8 ta' ġunju, 1968.

ti tiegħu kollha, ma jirbaħx fi Franza u jirbħu l-partiti tal-vjolenza, dak li ġara fi Franza jista' jiġri kullimkien. U jekk il-miljuni li ttamaw fir-riformi ta' l-ahwa Kennedy u fl-apostolat ta' Luther King jitilfu t-tama, id-dinja tista' tghaddi f'qasir żmien minn sighat koroh. Huma miljuni ta' nisa f'qar u suwed fl-Amerika li qegħdin jibku ma' omm u mal-mara ta' Bobby Kennedy kif bkew ma' omm u mal-mara ta' John Kennedy u ftit xhur ilu mal-mara ta' Luther King.

IT-TBISSIMA TAL-PAPA GIOVANNI

Pajjiżna hu pajjiż żgħir u, sa issa, allavolja s-shab ilu jingħama', għadu ma nqabadx f'din is-sakra selvaġġa, kodarda, krudila u diżastruza tal-vjolenza bħala arma politika. Kellna ahna wkoll mument koroh li ġew dominati.

Ir-raġuni li sa issa salvatna hi t-tradizzjoni kattoċi tagħna, l-edukazzjoni fil-familja tagħna u t-tagħlim religjuż li nagħtu lil uliedna.

Ir-religjon fl-iskejjel, fil-Museum, fid-dar, fl-Għaqdiet kattoċi, fuq l-istess Rediffusion u Television tagħna, allavolja llum qiegħda fil-perikolu serju li tiġi fgata mill-materjaliżmu, mill-immoralità, mill-amoralità ta' ċerti films, kotba u ġurnali li ta' kuljum qegħdin jinjettaw fiż-żgħażaġh u fiż-żgħar ukoll il-velenu ta' filosofija pagana, għadha issostnina.

L-ispirazzjonijiet tagħna għadna neħduhom, għall-grazzja t'Alla, mill-hajja nisranija. U l-eroj, ukoll l-eroj żgħar tagħna, mhumieħ daww li juru xejra vjolenza fl-irvellijiet tal-pjazez, imma daww li jagħmlu opri tajba.

Il-Gvernatur u l-Awtoritajiet tagħna għadhom jammiraw liż-żgħar, li bis-sagrifiċju tagħhom, jagħtu l-eżempju tajjeb lil shabhom. Il-premj ta' Papa Giovanni, dik l-idea sublimi li jorganizza ta' kull sena Padre Djonisju Mintoff, nagħtu lil tifel li, fil-hajja żgħira tiegħu, għamel l-isbah opri li ġejjin mill-qalb.

Malta, li għadha kattoċi, għadha kemm ippubblikat fil-gazzetti tagħha r-ritratt ta' Joe Azzopardi li din is-sena rebah il-midalja ta' Papa Giovanni. L-Amerika kelliha tippubblika r-ritratt ta' ġuvni assassin li, flok opra (Jissokta fil-paġna 5)

TA' KENNEDY IT-TRAĠEDJA

(Jissokta mill-paġna 4)

ta' mħabba, qatel lil min seta' għamel gid lill-fqar u lill-magħkusin ta' l-Amerika.

F'Malta ma għandniex żmien x'nitilfu. Huma hafna r-riformi li huma meħtieġa. Imma f'pajjiżna għadna nis-tgħu nirriformaw. Għad ma hawnx ġenerazzjoni li trid teqred kollox quddiemha.

U sakemm jirnexxilna ni-xegħlu fil-qlub taż-żgħar tagħna l-fjamma ta' l-imħabba ta' Papa Giovanni nis-ghu nħarsu lejn il-hajja bi tbiissima ta' mħabba.

It-tbiissima ta' Papa Giovanni u mhux ir-rabja feroċi ta' min joqtol.

LIL ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Bħal berqa ġriet malajr mad-dinja kollha,

Id-dinja tkexkxet b'din l-aħbar, u bkiet

Lil Robert Kennedy li minn qalb il-folla

Intlaqat b'balla f'rasu, u l-għada miet.

B'mewtu fuq l-art intfiet vampa ta' mħabba

U xegħlet kewkba tidli fis-smewwiet;

B'demmu li ċarċar mingħajr l-art ma tabba'

Kiteb storja ta' ġieħ, f'erba' kelmiet:

"Id-dinja kollha thossha għalija mriegħda,

Għax ridt is-sliem bejn l-ahwa sfajt maqtul;

Qabel ma d-dinja tohnoq il-mibegħda

M'għandhiex tistenna sliem u kwiet li jtul."

Jibqgħu jfakkru il-ġnus, kif fakkru 'l hūh

Li b'mewtu għadhom s'issa jimshu d-dmugh.

P. Matthew Sultana, Kappuċċin.

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THOUSANDS WEEP AT KENNEDY'S FUNERAL *Johnson Leads mourning*

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NEW YORK June 8.

THE body of the murdered Senator Robert F. Kennedy left New York aboard a black-draped train today on a four-hour journey to his last resting-place alongside his assassinated brother, the late President John F. Kennedy.

Tens of thousands of New Yorkers, many weeping openly, lined the cortege route to pay their last respects to the Senator after a Requiem Mass where President Johnson, for the second time in office, led the nation in mourning a murdered Kennedy.

The most moving moment of the two-hour funeral service came when the dead



MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY (left) blows a kiss to the casket of her husband as she stands behind his bier in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York last Friday. People from all walks of life moved past the casket (right). Four friends of the Kennedy family stand as guard at the foot and the head of the catafalque

DAY OF MOURNING TODAY

PRESIDENT Johnson has declared today to be a National Day of Mourning in the United States of America for Senator Robert Kennedy.

As a mark of respect, flags on all public buildings in Malta will be flown at half mast.



19-YEAR OLD DANCER, Kathy Fulmer, detained for questioning by the Police in connection with Senator Kennedy's assassination, has been released. She categorically denied having said "we shot him" as reported by witnesses who attributed the words to a girl in a white polka dress who ran out of the hotel after the shooting.

presidential candidate's brother, Senator Edward Kennedy urged the world to remember his brother "simply, as a good and decent man who saw wrong and tried to right it". (See page 14).

The tightest-ever security for a presidential visit here was clamped down for Mr. Johnson's visit — so that no other grim tragedy would mar this day of bitter mourning.

The President and his

bullet-proof car were both flown to New York and he was under constant watch by armed agents even throughout Mass.

During the Requiem Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, veiled in black, her lips moving in silent prayer, still looked stunned.

Before Mass began Edward Kennedy, the younger brother of the dead Senator, stared fixedly for long minutes at the simple mahogany coffin, draped with the Stars and Stripes.

Arlington burial

Stringent security precautions sealed off Pennsylvania station as the funeral train waited to start its journey to Washington for the burial at Arlington National Cemetery. There, on a grassy hillside overlooking the capital, Senator Kennedy will be placed beside his brother.

WOMAN WITH THREE GUNS

LOS ANGELES, June 8.

A woman accused of trying to smuggle three loaded guns into the Los Angeles prison, where the alleged assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy is being held, has been charged with taking firearms into a penal institution.

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WEATHER FORECAST

General Statement: Slow moving trough of low pressure extends from Sicily to Crete, whilst a weak cell of high pressure covers East Tunisia and Tripolitania.
Forecast Dawn to Midnight
 Weather: Mainly fine and sunny; Visibility: Good; Wind: Mainly light westerly, locally moderate later; Sea: Slight, locally moderate later; Swell: Little or low, north westerly; Max. Temp. 23°C. (74°F); Outlook: Fine.
Luga Observations Sat.
 Mean Sea Level Pressure: 1014.4 mbs. 29.96 inches.
 Wind: West by north 7 knots.
 Relative Humidity: 77%
 Cloud: 1/8 Altocum. 2/8 Cirrus.
 Visibility: 12 miles.
 Hours of sunshine: 9.4
 Rainfall past 24 hours: nil.
 Rainfall since Sept. 1: 18.67 inches.
 Max. Shade Temp. day: 24°C. (75°F).
 Min. Temp. during previous night: 17°C. (63°F).
 Temp. of sea off St. Angelo: 21°C. (69°F).

THE TRAGEDY OF VIOLENCE

THE terrible tragedy of Senator Kennedy's assassination, at the moment of victory in the California primary election, came to a solemn end yesterday with Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, and subsequent burial at the national cemetery of Arlington.

There Senator Kennedy rests close to his elder brother, President John Kennedy, also killed by a murderer's bullet in the same cause of tolerance and racial brotherhood.

The violent death of the two Kennedys and of the Negro leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, has roused American democracy to the danger of the finger on the trigger upsetting the verdict of the most overwhelming majority of electors.

It is indeed a thought-provoking reflection that the U.S.A., the most powerful democracy in the world today, which is doing so much to help the defence and development of other free democracies, should itself face a serious danger from persons who express their opinion more freely with their guns than by the democratic use of a vote.

The United States have suffered a great loss as a result of unmanaged violence. Violence, however, is not restricted to the United States. In too many countries voices are heard preaching violence as a deliberate method of achieving political aims. Young and exuberant university students, in so many European countries, have been incited to violence against the establishment. The tragedy of Kennedy's assassination comes as a poignant reminder that the theory of violence, as a weapon of political belief, is a senseless theory which destroys life and achieves nothing but grief and repentance.

Political leaders everywhere have expressed their people's feelings of horror and sadness at the death of Senator Kennedy and have expressed their heartfelt sympathy to the Senator's wife, children and parents as well as to the Government and people of the United States.

Before the never-ending timelessness of death, nothing remains but to pray God that Kennedy's supreme sacrifice will not be in vain but will serve to further his cause in America and the world.

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY SOBS

Funeral oration to slain brother

(Reuter's Service)

IN an emotional funeral oration preceding the requiem Mass for Senator Robert Kennedy and decent man who saw wrong and tried to right it.

He described his brother as "a man who loved life completely and lived it intensely."

His voice was broken at the start. But he then declaimed in ringing tones lengthy extracts from the dead Senator's 1966 speech to young South Africans, urging youth everywhere to play its full part in shaping a new world without discrimination or oppression.

Then Senator Kennedy almost broke down, his voice trembling with emotion and half-stifled sobs, as he said:

"My brother need not be idealised or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life."

The dead Senator should be remembered simply as a good

and decent man who saw wrong and tried to right it; who saw suffering and tried to heal it; who saw war and tried to stop it.

"Those of us who loved him and who take him to his rest today, pray that what he was to us and what he wished for others will some day come to pass for all the world," Senator Kennedy said.

One man's act

Archbishop Cooke, in a funeral address, praised the dead Senator's "generosity and sense of purpose."

"We must find the courage to take up again the laborious work to which Senator Kennedy devoted all his ener-

NEW YORK, June 8.

gies — the building of a great and honourable nation.

"Especially in this hour we must keep faith with America and her destiny, and we must not forsake our trust in each other."

"President Johnson offered this nation wise counsel when he pointed out that 200 million Americans did not fire the shot that ended Senator Kennedy's life. The act of one man must not demoralise and incapacitate 200 million others," the Archbishop said.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, widow of assassinated President John F. Kennedy, arranged the music for today's service with Leonard Bernstein, the well known conductor and composer.

One of the hymns sung was the "Navy Hymn" — also played at President Kennedy's funeral — in tribute to Senator Robert Kennedy's two years' service with the Navy from 1944 to 1946.

Mrs. Kennedy wore a black lace mantilla, and sat between her children John Jr. and Caroline. Several of the other young girls of the Kennedy family wore white dresses — as a symbol of hope.

As the Mass began, eight of the youngest children of the Kennedy family moved in solemn procession up to Archbishop Cooke with the bread and wine to be consecrated.

As the members of the Kennedy family took communion, Verdi's "Requiem Aeternam" was played and sung.

After communion, Boston's Cardinal Richard Cushing — long-time friend and confidant of the Kennedy family —

EDWARD KENNEDY delivering the oration

pronounced a blessing over Senator Kennedy's coffin, and conducted the final committal ceremony.

As Mass ended, President Johnson moved to the front pew, shook hands gravely with Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and exchanged a few words with her.

Protestant and Orthodox Church dignitaries lined with the Catholic churchmen in procession past the coffin.

Singer Andy Williams, a great friend of the dead Senator, slowly intoned the "Battle Hymn of the Republic", with the choir taking up the chorus "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah."

As the coffin was borne out through the doors of the Cathedral, the choir sang the "Hallelujah chorus" from Handel's "Messiah".

The pall-bearers, who included former Defence Secretary Robert McNamara, gently placed the coffin in a grey hearse.

Evoking poignant memories of the funeral of the late President, when Robert Kennedy comforted and supported the widowed Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, Senator Edward Kennedy helped Mrs. Ethel Kennedy down the steps of the Cathedral and into a car.

LONDON MOURNS ROBERT KENNEDY

BY OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT

LONDON NEWS this week has been almost totally eclipsed by events in the United States. News on Wednesday morning that Senator Robert Kennedy had been shot stunned London into shocked disbelief.

By Thursday night, following the Senator's death, over 5,000 people had signed books of condolence at the United States Embassy in Grosvenor Square. It was at 7.30 when I visited the Embassy to sign the book myself.

I joined a queue of about forty people who filed towards two black books beside a framed photograph of the slain Senator in the Embassy's marble entrance hall. Not a word was spoken and there was obvious grief on the faces of many who had come to pay tribute — young and old.

One entry in the book said: "To youth, he meant hope." Another: "God forgive us."

On Wednesday evening Sammy Davis, Jr., a close friend of the Kennedy family, told me before he appeared on the stage in London: "No good will come of this assassination. When John Kennedy died, everyone thought that some good would come, that his ideal would never die. When Martin Luther King was murdered I thought the same again. But nothing has ever emerged. It won't now that Bobby's dead."

"We seem to be living in an age where the bad man lives and the good man continually dies."

Words cannot measure the tragedy of Senator Kennedy's assassination. He represented hope for the future to many both in the United States as well as overseas.

Tragically, no lesson was learned from the deaths of President Kennedy or Martin Luther King. We must pray that now some good will come from the tragedy.

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KENNEDY

Malta's people, ever-ready to share in others' grief and to merge their sorrow and prayer with those directly afflicted, extend the deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, mother of ten children, in the dark hours following the murder of husband and father, Senator Robert Kennedy. Shot down, as was his brother the President, Senator Kennedy dropped the torch which was lighting a way for poor and suffering fellow-beings.



Picture above shows the Holy Father with Senator Robert Kennedy. The Senator, a devout Catholic, had been received by Pope Paul on several occasions. On each and every occasion the theme of their talks had been that of world peace; Mr. Kennedy favoured deescalation in Vietnam.

IS ANYBODY SAFE?

by

Herbert Ganado

Senator Robert Kennedy was gunned down at Los Angeles on Wednesday and died on Thursday last. Before he lost consciousness he asked: "Is everybody safe?" It was most touching that his last thought was for the welfare of others.

'Bobby' Kennedy, as he was affectionately known was profoundly loved by his supporters, cordially hated by his opponents.

His too-clever handling of politics, which at times seemed to border on opportunism, alienated from him much public sympathy even in his Party. But his sincere and deep interest for the poor, the hungry and the oppressed, his championship of the Negro cause, his concern for the Minorities and the underdog, rallied around him the under privileged of the States and of Latin America.

MELTING POT

The disappearance, the violent disappearance of the two Kennedy brothers from the political scene, surely must have an impact on American history.

It might generate a violent reaction from the Negro world. The American Negroes lost their three greatest friends in Martin Luther King and the two Kennedys.

Senator Kennedy's words contained a challenge.

"Is everybody safe?" was his last question. The question which the world, torn by violence in so many of its parts, is now asking is this: "Is anybody safe?"

Violence and political murder are undermining America's world leadership. The United States, the greatest and most powerful democracy, stands for liberty and freedom. And yet four Presidents have been assassinated in its

very short history and an attempt on the life of two other Presidents, Roosevelt and Truman, also had been made.

The United States is still a melting-pot of races and peoples. There is unfortunately in it, although a country of affluence, "a rising tide of violence," as the Catholic Archbishop of New York has just stated and "a national trend towards violence" as President Johnson told the nation.

FATAL TREND

Unfortunately, there is also an international trend towards violence. Vietnam, the Congo, China, the Middle East, Nigeria, the riots in the American cities and the University scenes of violence in so many world capitals — all constitute an alarming feature of the international situation.

The world is definitely entering into a critical period of its history. Undoubtedly the collapse of religious and moral values is at the root of this crisis.

VIOLENCE

The most disturbing, not to say alarming, aspect of this new tide of violence is the fact that the philosophy of violence, as a social weapon, is getting hold of the young generations and especially of the University students in so many parts of the world.

It is not an idle exercise to underline the fact that the murderer of Robert Kennedy is a frustrated angry Arab of 24 years.

ANARCHY

The unnatural state of frustration among the young is surely an outcome of the state of contemporary society after two World Wars and the reaction to a dominant cynical materialist philosophy which is undermining Christian civilisation.

The challenge of the young students is not a challenge for reform, which would have been a healthy impulse, but a destructive

challenge against society itself.

The student anarchists are to the left of Communism itself. They look upon Communism, and upon Soviet Russia, as a movement and as a country sold out to materialism, subjected to too much discipline, to bureaucracy, to economics and to political manoeuvre.

Their ideology is a vague ideology of their imagination. "Imagination has seized power" said one of the Paris posters.

The leaders of the revolutionary section of the University students take their inspiration from Guevara, the Cuban revolutionary, from Lenin and Trotsky. Their contemporary philosopher is the German-born American Professor Marcuse.

THE 'ELITE'

"Students", writes Marcuse, "are almost the only adults not absorbed into the productive sphere. They, therefore, have a special opportunity to form that enlightened elite which alone can define "true" and "false" needs and decide who is to be tolerated.

"The workers have become dependents of the status quo. The only immediate allies of the elite are those who know they are exploited, such as the Negroes, the very poor and the students.

"The role of the elite is therefore to agitate and provoke the system until it unleashes the police. This will then awaken more and more people so that there will be a spontaneous revolution."

Maturity will bring to the young students of today a new outlook on life. But many of them will be the ring leaders of the upheavals of tomorrow.

Only religion can save the world. And the world is throwing religion overboard.

The three great American leaders with a moral social ideology have been murdered.

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Il-Funeral Ta' Robert Kennedy

NEW YORK, is-Sibt.

Il-Kattidral Katoliku ta' New York St. Patrick's Cathedral, kien ix-xena ta' l-ahhar qima magħnija lil Robert Kennedy. Quddiem folla kbira mmexxija mill-President ta' l-Istati Uniti Lyndon Johnson, l-Arcisqof ta' New York iccelebra quddies tal-mejn u mbagħad għamel ir-rit funebri.

Qabel il-quddies, Edward Kennedy, l-unika wieħed mill-erbat ahwa li għadu ha, qara diskors fuq huh.

Fid-diskors is-Senatur ta' ab li huh ma jigix idealizzat wara mewtu aktar minn dak li kien f'hajtu. Meta tkel'em fuq dik il-hidma ta' Bob hu qa' li kien bniedem tajjeb u de-centi li kien jara l-hazin u jip-prova jirrangah, kien jara t-thati u jipprova jnehiha, u kien jara l-gwerra u jipprova jwaqqafha.

Il-kattidral ta' St. Patrick kellu jagħlaq hafna wara ma kien previst qabel il-quddies għalix eluf kbar riedu jidhlu jagħtu l-ahhar tislina lis-Senatur Demokratiku. Hu kawkulot li folla ta' 140,000 għad-diet minn quddiem it-tebut tiegħu fl-ahhar siegħat.

Il-pulizija Amerikana hadet miżuri strettissimi ta' sigurtà

National Cemetery.

It-tren beda jimxi bil-mod f'xi nhawi biex il-folla mig-burin ikunu jistghu jagħtu l-ahhar qima tagħhom.

SIHRAN AKKUŻAT BIL-QTIL TA' BOB

LOS ANGELES, is-Sibt.

Sihran Bishara Sihran, ta' 24 sena, dalghodu gie akkużat forma'ment minn Grand Jury bil-qtil ta' Robert Kennedy.

Sihran, li ilu fl-Amerika 11-il sena u li twieled fil-Gordanja, gie akkużat ukoll b'hames charges ohra kolla għan-hom x'jaqsmu ma' assa' b'intenz'oni ta' qtil.

L-avukat ta' Sihran talab li hu jigi ezaminat psikjatra-

IL-QATTIL TA' KING MAQBUD

WASHINGTON, is-Sibt.

F'Konferenza Stampa msej-jha malajr l-Attorney General ta' l-Istati Uniti qal li John Earl Ray kien gie arres-tat fl-ajruport ta' Londra u

kien ser jigi mehud l-Amerika fejn hu mfittex dwar il-qtil ta' Dr. Martin Luther King.

Il-kap ta' l-F.B.I. Hoover qal li l-arrest kien sar minn ufficjali ta' Scotland Yard u li Ray kien ser jigi mtella' l-Qorti f'Londra wkoll fuq akku-zi li kellu passaport falz u li kellu fuqu arma bla per-mess.

Ray, li jidher li fi żmien il-qtil xahrejn ilu kien qed juza l-isem falz ta' Eric Galt, għandu hajja xejn sabiha u kien il-habs diversi drabi. L-ahhar sentenza tiegħu kienet ta' 20 sena iżda hu harab wara seba' snin.



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TISLIMA

L-effetti tal-mewt ta' bniedem kbir jittqisu hafna mir-riperkussjonijiet li jhallu warajhom. Fil-każ ta' Robert Kennedy, maqtul mill-id kru-dila ta' vjolenza li f'it gim-ghat biss ilu hasdet lil Martin Luther King, bhalu fl-ewwel fruntiera fil-ghieda għall-paċi u t-tolleranza, dawn ir-riperkussjonijiet jinhassu mhux biss f'pajjiżu iżda wkoll fir-ribalta tal-politika internaz-zjonali.

Bob seta' ma jasalx għall-vittorja fl-elezzjonijiet presidenzjali, seta' anke jitlef il-ghieda għal n-nominazzjoni demokratika, imma l-impron-ta tiegħu fuq il-politika Ame-rikana, politika li magħha hi-ja bil-bosta marbuta l-politika ta' tan' pajjiżi fid-dinja, kie-net destinata li tkun impron-ta qawwiya, li ddum u b'effet-ti importanti.

L-istorja mgħoddija tiegħu tixhed biżżejjed kemm kien viċin ta' huh, il-mejjet u daq-su mibki John F. Kennedy, meta dan kien jikkupa l-ka-riga presidenzjali u speċjal-ment fiż-żmien kruċjali tal-kriżi ta' Kuba. Jixhdu wkoll l-attivitajiet tiegħu f'dawn l-aħhar snin, u b'mod parti-kolari f'dawn l-aħhar xhur, meta hadem tant biex tinsab soluzzjoni paċifika għall-gwerra tal-Vietnam.

F'pajjiżu mbagħad hu kien fost l-ewlenin fit-taqbida harxa għall-egwaljanza tar-razez u l-vot pozzittiv li tiegħu kien qed jieċelebra l-vittorja fil-mument traġiku ta' hajtu huwa xjeda ta' kemm tas-sew in-nies foqra, daww it-trattati hażin, ic-ċittadini li qeghdin isofru d-diskriminaz-zjoni, kienu jharsu lejha bħala sostenitur tad-drittijiet tagħhom.

Dan hu passat glorjuż li kien joffri mera sabiha għall-futur. U forsi huwa ta' kon-solazzjoni l-hsieb li t-triq li kien miexi fiha u li fuqha kien qed imexxi lil haddiehor wa-rajh mhix ser tibqa' vojta. L-ideja ta' Robert Kennedy ma mietx. Dak li żera' mhuwix ser jibqa' mgħotti taht il-hamrija li, msogqija bid-demm tiegħu, tibqa' hamra biex twarrad mill-gdid.

F'din il-paġna illum irrid infakkar pero' b'mod parti-kolari żewg aspetti tal-fajja ta' Robert Kennedy, dak ta' bniedem tal-familja u dak ta' bniedem mogħti għas-servizz ta' pajjiżu. U dan qed nagh-mu billi nipprezenta ritratti tal-fajja familjari tiegħu u ta' dak publika fil-qadi tad-dmijiet ta' Senatur.

Dawn ir-ritratti m'ghand-hom bżonn ta' ebda kumment imma ma nridx nonqos nghid

li ż-żewġ doveri ta' kull ċit-tadin li huma jirrapprezentaw sabu fil-fidi shiha li kellu Kennedy n-nixxiegha li tagħtihom il-haj'a.

Jalla jkun hafa daww li, bhal Bob Kennedy, jagħr-fu jagħmlu użu mir-religjon li jhaddnu biex ikollhom il-kuraġġ li jrawwmu familji tajba u ċittadini li jagħtu ser-vizz lil pajjiżhom.



L-ewwel ritratt:

Robert Kennedy, fuq il-le-min, u huh Edward jiehdu l-gurament fis-Senat Ameri-kan.

It-tieni ritratt:

Robert Kennedy u martu Ethel fiimkien ma' tmienja mill-ghaxart itfal tagħhom fil-ġnien tad-dar tagħhom f'Hi-c-kory Hill, f'it il bogħod minn Washington.

It-tielet ritratt:

Li-familja Kennedy meta John lahaq President. Bil-wie-qa: Ethel Shaker, mart Ro-bert; Stephen S. Smith, raġel ta' Jean; Jean; John; Robert; Patricia; Robert S. Shriver, raġel ta' Eunice; Joan Ben-nett, mart Edward; Peter Law-ford, raġel ta' Patricia. Bil-qieghda: Eunice; Rose, l-omm; Joseph, il-missier; Jacqueline, mart John; Edward.



A PITY AND A DISGRACE HASRA U GHAJB

ILLUM l-Istati Uniti jinsabu f'luttu għall-mewt ta' Robert Kennedy li ndifen il-bierah. Il-qtil tas-senatur Amerikan ikkummenta fuqu kulhadd ghax hu avveniment li tista' thares lejha b'diversi manjieri. Hu grajja li ggiblek hasra. Ifisser ukoll ghajb kbir għall-Amerika. Fl-istess hin iħalli vojti fil-politika Amerikana li ma jistax jibassar kif se jmtela.

Il-familja Kennedy kellha erbat irġiel: wiehed miet f'diżgrazzja ta' l-ajru, il-President John miet assassinat u l-istess għalu hux Robert Kennedy. Ir-raba' wiehed, Edward Kennedy kemm kemm kien helisha minn diżgrazzja ta' l-ajru. Dan barra mwiet u mard iehor fil-familja. John u Robert hallew familja. L-assassinji għaw waqt li l-ġenituri, il-Kennedy ix-xjuħ, għadhom hajjin. Dan kollu jpoġġi lill-familja Kennedy bħala familja sfortunata, minkejja l-flus, minkejja l-fatt li membri tal-familja okkupaw karigi importanti għal snin shah.

Għalhekk fuq il-pjan familjari, il-familja Kennedy hi preżentata bħala familja sfortunata. Familja kollha duluri. U minn dal-lat it-tragedja ta' Kennedy iħossuha l-familja, ir-romol, l-ommijiet u l-morda tad-dinja kollha.

Izda forsi dan hu l-aspett l-inqas importanti tat-tragedja. Għalkemm ikun żball li nissottovalutawh. Ghax forsi l-Amerika llum tinsab f'hiex inhi proprju kawża tal-fatt li fl-imghodi viċin issottovalutaw is-sinjifikat ta' dawn it-tragedji familjari li minnhom il-pajjiż ra hafna.

Tragedja familjari mhux mistenni li jħossuha mill-viċin poplu shih. Izda meta l-familja minnikta mill-vjolenza ikunu hafna allura bis-sahha ta' l-istatistika, bis-sahha tan-numru, il-fatt johrog mill-ambitu familjari u jsir problema nazzjonali. U l-vjolenza fl-Amerika kienet u hi problema nazzjonali għalkemm hafna stinaw rashom li jirrifjutaw li jaraw li hi problema nazzjonali.

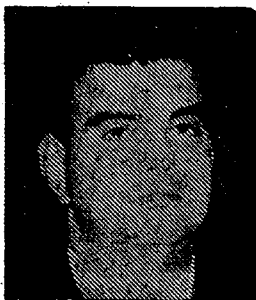
KUMMISSJONI

Issa l-President Johnson waqqaf kummissjoni biex tistudja l-għeruq tal-vjolenza fil-hajja Amerikana.

Il-kummissjoni hi presjeduta minn Dr. Milton Eisenhower, hu l-ex-President Dwight Eisenhower u li qabel kien president tal-John Hopkins University. Fost membri ohra l-kummissjoni għandha lill-artisqof Kattoliku ta' New York, Mons. Terence Cooke; Mrs. Patricia Harris, professur tal-ligi f'Howard University u li kienet l-ewwel ambaxxatur negro mara; u żewġ senaturi, Roman Hruska (Republikan, Nebraska) li kien kontra l-kontroll ta' l-armi u Philip

FTIT TAL-KUMMENTI

Minn
Dr J. Micallef Stafrace



Hart (Demokratiku, Michigan) li kien favur il-kontroll ta' l-armi.

TLIETA INFILA

L-Amerika llum hi preżentata quddiem id-dinja bħala pajjiż fejn ebda politikant jew figura importanti mhu ċert li mhux se jaqa' vittima ta' balla ta' assassin.

L-assassinji politiċi ġew tlieta infila: fit-22 ta' Novembru, 1963 hasdu lil John Kennedy; ti-5 ta' April 1968 hasdu lil Martin Luther King u eżatt xahrejn wara nizzlu lil Robert Kennedy.

Quddiem id-dinja l-Amerika qed tiġi preżentata bħala pajjiż tal-gangsters. Pajjiż kollu korruzzjoni. Pajjiż ta' kapitalizmu sfrenat fejn qatt m'inti ċert li quddiemek għandek opinjoni ġenwina u sinciera.

Pajjiż minghajr ruh.

Art l-iktar għanja fid-dinja izda li fl-istess hin tittollera faqqar enormi f'nofsha.

Nazzjon li tilef l-indirizz tiegħu.

Poplu li ma jafx x'irid u 'l fejn qed jaqdef.

Għal hamsa u ghoxrin sena shah l-Amerika ddominat il-Punent izda llum donnha tilfet l-awtorita' morali li tagħmel dan.

F'ghajnejn kulhadd l-Amerika saret xi haġa donnha ta' stmerrija: mhux meta thares lejn dak li jippriedka dak u l-iehor imma meta tara l-fatti u tara l-istess ta' wara l-kwinti.

LIBERTINAGG

Huma sbieħ il-priedki dwar id-demokrazija, huwa sabih li nit-haddtu fuq 'consensus politics', imma meta niġu għall-fatti nsi-bu korruzzjoni enormi, kumplotti u terrorizmu li fnew linnazzjon.

Għogobni hafna l-kumment tal-Prim Ministru Holyoake ta' New Zealand: "For the United States to lose its gifted men in this way is a sad distortion of the freedoms which they in turn have fought to preserve".

Għax fl-Amerika l-liberta' donnha ddegenerat f'libertinagg. Dana bi skandlu għad-dinja kollha.

X'inhuma l-implikazzjonijiet tal-mewt ta' Kennedy għall-futur?

ID-DAQS TAT-TELEFA

L-ewwelnett irridu naraw x'tilfet l-Amerika meta tilfet lil Robert Kennedy, apparti mir-riperkussjonijiet ta' l-assassinju fih innifsa u l-effetti ta' l-iskandlu fih innifsa sew fl-Amerika stess

kif ukoll fid-dinja.

Hafna jifhemu li Robert kien il-personifikazzjoni tat-tama tas-suwed, tal-Messikani, tal-Kostarikani, tal-fogħra u tal-batuti.

Huwa kien jirrappreżenta l-KOMPROMESS.

Hawnhekk iridu niddistingwu. Huwa kien jemma fil-kompromess ta' veduti izda mhux fil-kompromess meta jiġi biex jsegwixxi dak li jifhem li kellu jsir.

Waqt l-amministrazzjoni ta' John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy kien Attorney General: huwa inizja legislażjoni dwar

drittijiet civili u nforza d-deċiżjoni tal-1954 tal-Qorti Suprema dwar desegregazzjoni ta' l-iskejjel. Huwa ġġieledd għad-drittijiet tas-Suwed fis-Sud. Huwa uża t-truppi federali biex jinforza d-dritt taż-żagħżuħ Iswed James Meredith li jattendi l-universita' ta' Mississippi.

Robert Kennedy kien bassar li fi żmien 30 sena l-Istati Uniti kien ikollhom President Iswed. Huwa kien irriżenja mill-Metropolitan Club ta' Washington meta rrifjutaw li jdahhlu bħala soċju lil George Weaver, segretarju ta' l-istat Negro.

Dwar dik li hi politika internazzjonali, ma' Robert Kennedy forsi wiehed kien jaf inqas fejn hu.

Veru li dan l-aħhar hareġ b'ruhu u b'gismu favur il-waqfien ta' l-ibbumbardjar tal-Vjetnam ta' Fuq, imma fil-karattru ta' Robert Kennedy (forse tal-Kennedys) wiehed jinnota li l-popolarita' hu kien iħobbha u kien jaf jiehu pożizzjoni li tiġ-

bidlu popolarita'.

Hafna jinnotaw li kien wara li Eugene McCarthy wera suċċess fil-politika tiegħu kontra Johnson fil-preliminarji ta' New Hampshire, li Robert Kennedy intefa' fil-ġlieda presidenzjali.

Hu ammess li wara kollox Robert Kennedy kellu ċans kbir li ma kienx jirbah in-nominazzjoni Demokratika għal President. Però, ġewwa jew barra l-White House, Robert Kennedy kien xorta wahda jibqa' t-TAMA ta' dawh li kienu jemmu fih.

It-tragedja għall-armonija interna fl-Istati Uniti qegħda fil-fatt li bniedem bħal dan mhux, ma telax President, izda twarrab u halla VOJT.

Il-periklu hu li l-aċċentwazzjoni tan-nuqqas ta' armonija twassal għal iktar estremizmu. B'diżastru għall-Amerika u għad-dinja.

L-awgurju tagħna hu li fl-Amerika l-mexxejja li għadhom hellsuha mill-bullet (!!) jifhemu li dak li kien jirrappreżenta Robert Kennedy għadu hemm avolja bit-tnehhija ta' Kennedy u Luther King forsi m'hemm vuci soda u rispettata biżżejjed biex dan iżżommu kontinwament quddiem l-opinjoni pubblika Amerikana u mondjali.

Il-moviment għadu hemm għalkemm forsi temporanjament m'għandux il-portavuċi xerqa.

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Osservazzjonijiet tal-gimgha

WAQT li qed taghti l-ahhar qima taghha, il-lum id-dinja ghadha tinsab ixxukkjata u mbellha bil-qtil tas-Senatur Robert F. Kennedy. Sal-lum hafna minnha ghadhom ma jistghux jemmn u kif ghal darba, darbtejn u tliet darbiet f'temp ta' zmien hekk qasir, il-poplu ta' l-Istati Uniti ta' l-Amerika kellu jkessah lid-dinja b'assassinji politici hekk krudili.

Bhal hafna nifhem li min-habba ghemil ta' individwu m'ghandux jehel nazzjon shih. Jekk ninsew l-assassinji li saru qabel li fihom Presidenti Amerikani sfaw vittmi u niehdu l-ahhar kazi individwali — li hasdu lill-President John Kennedy, Dr Martin Luther King u lis-Senatur Robert Kennedy — dejjem nistghu naslu ghal xi kwalita' ta' gudiz-zju li l-poplu ta' l-Istati Uniti bhala tali jista' jigi eskluż minn kull htija. Izda jekk inharsu lejn dawn id-delitti politici kollha f'daqqa, nezzaminaw l-ideat, l-opinjoni u l-politika li kienu jhaddnu l-vittmi tagh-hom u nharsu lejn in-nuq-qasijiet tal-poplu Amerikan lejn il-popli l-ohra tad-dinja ma nistghux inkomplu nduru mal-lewza u ma nak-kużawx lil dan il-poplu b'kor-ruzzjoni u intolleranza.

HUWA minnu li n-naz-zjon Amerikan huwa l-aktar nazzjon sinjur, l-aktar nazzjon b'sahhtu u naz-zjon li jidderiegi d-destin ta' l-umanita'. Izda b'dana-kollu r-ruh ta' dan in-naz-zjon hija imhassra. Huwa jinsab mifni minn firda kbira fost il-poplu tieghu l-ew-wel permezz tal-problema razzjali u t-tieni nett min-habba l-indhil tieghu fil-gwerra tal-Vjetnam.

Dawn huma l-aktar żewġ gwajjijiet li mhux biss qed jifnu lill-Istati Uniti ta' l-Amerika izda r-riperkussjo-nijiet taghhom qed ikollhom



**JIKTEB
TONI FARRUGIA**

l-effett fuq il-popli l-ohra. Ghalhekk kull dawl li jfegġ li jista' jfejjaq xi wahda minn dawn il-feriti mhux biss jigi milqugh bil-ferha minn hafna Amerikani imma anke l-bqija tad-dinja tinghaqad u taghti l-appogg taghha.

Nistghu nghidu li l-problemi li qed jiffaccjaw lill-poplu Amerikan huma problemi li jolqtu lilna wkoll. Ghalhekk bil-fors l-interess taghna fil-grajjiet Amerikani. Ma jistax ikun li ahna ma nurux id-dispjaċir taghna li nazzjon hekk set-ghan jinsab mifni bi glieda razzjali hekk harxa li mal-mixja taż-żmien qed dej-jem thalli aktar vittmi taghha. Ma nistghux ma jiddispjaċiniex ghat-tragedja li l-gwerra tal-Vjetnam qed tfisser ghal bosta familji Amerikani.

MILL-BANDA l-ohra ma nistghux ma nifirhux meta naraw li fost dan il-poplu, li kulma jmur qed jitlef is-sens ta' fiducja mal-popli l-ohra, kultant ifeggu nies hekk nobbli bhall-President John F. Kennedy,

bhal Dr Martin Luther King u bhal Robert F. Kennedy, li koll juru hila u determin-azzjoni li jfejju dawn il-feriti li jekk ikomplu jikbru mhux biss jipperikolaw il-hajja tal-poplu Amerikan izda l-istess umanita' thoss il-weggha taghhom.

Izda ghal tliet darbiet il-poplu Amerikan kellu l-hila li jahsad u jkessah lid-dinja b'assassinji politici hekk koroh. Illum, mad-difna tas-Senatur Robert F. Kennedy, id-dinja difnet ukoll kull tama li n-nazzjon li jippretendi li hu l-akbar kampjun tad-demokrazija jasal biex b'gustizzja jsolvi l-problemi razzjali li qed jifnuh u jehles lil hafna fam-ilji li jikkomponuh mit-tbatija bla htiega li qed isofru minhabba gwerra li jinsabu mitfughin fiha bla htiega. Mad-difna tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy, ghal darb'ohra qed jindifen kull sens ta' tolleranza, li jifta-har biha l-poplu demokrati-ku Amerikan. Mad-difna ta' Kennedy qed jintradam ukoll kull sens ta' fiducja li d-dinja seta' kellha fil-poplu Amerikan. Ghal darba ohra in-nazzjon l-aktar sinjur u setghan hu hati ta' nuqqas lejn l-umanita'.

Ir-rispett u l-luttu osser-vat f'dawn il-jiem huwa fit-t wisq biex ipattu ghan-nuq-qasijiet ta' dan il-poplu. Mhux se jkun ghada li l-fiducja mitlufa terga' tintre-bah. Izda jkun ghajb jekk dawn it-tliet tragedji ma jwasslu ghal xejn. Jista' dan il-poplu li ghoġbu jelimina l-gisem ta' dawn it-tliet eroj jirrepara billi jaghti hajja fill-memorja taghhom u jara li jitwettagh dak kollu li min-habba fih, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King u Robert F. Kennedy, ghażlu li jitolghu l-altar tas-sagri-ficju. Jekk jaghmlu dan tista' d-dinja, li mhix se tin-sa n-nuqqasijiet ta' dan il-poplu, ghall-inqas tasal biex tafirlu.

Is-Senatur Robert Kennedy

L-AHBAR għall-gharrieda ta' l-assassinju tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy kienet l-akbar grajja tal-gimgha u ma setax ma jkunx hekk minhabba l-implikazzjonijiet li dil-grajja ggib magħha.

Fi programm ta' ahbarijiet fuq it-T.V. smajna lis-Senatur jistqarr li huwa ddecieda li johrog għall-Kandidatura tal-Presidentza biex jitnehhew id-differenzi bejn Fqir u Ghani,..... Iswed u Abjad,..... u li biex dawn l-affarijiet ikunu jistghu jintlahqu huwa mehtieg li jibiddlu dawk in-nies li jmexxu l-amministrazzjoni, jigifieri President gdid b'ideat godda, gusti, umani, qaddisa.

Fil-Kalifornja kien għadu kif wettaq rebha kbira fuq ir-rival tiegħu. Fit-Texas ma tantx seta' jirbah minhabba l-fatt li Texas hija fortizza ta' Johnson u għalkemm Mr Johnson se jwarrab,..... il-partitarji ma tantx jahmlu lil min ikkonfuta lil Johnson tagħhom fuq hafna prinċipji, fosthom il-gwerra tal-Vjetnam.

GHALIEX?

Hafna staqsew għaliex is-Senatur Kennedy kien il-vittma ta' dan l-att hekk barbaru. Mhux għalkemm wiehed jiddetermina sewwa u b'ċertezza.

Hafna qalu li l-Amerikani dardru d-dinja b'dawn l-atti ta' vjolenza. L-assassinju tal-President John F. Kennedy mhux biss li għadu ma ntesieix imma qisu sar il-bierah!

PERSUNAGG TAL-GIMGHA

Wiehed irid iqis li l-Amerika hija kontinent u għalhekk meta nitkellmu fuqha ma rridux nabsu dwarha b'mentalita' ristretta ta' Gżira ta' ftit mili! Kontinent ikollu problemi kontinwi, bħalma huma dawk tar-razez, kulturi, religjonijiet, politika internazzjonali eċċ., eċċ.

Issa nafu l-assassin min kien. Huwa qal li kull ma għamel, għamlu għal pajjiz! Din l-istqarrija hija skuża verament ivvintata u li ma ssostnix! Pajjizu, jekk kellu, ma kienx jinsab f'ebda periklu mill-Amerika bħala tali aħseb u ara mis-Senatur Kennedy li kien għadu 'l bogħod hafna mill-"White House".

Min qatel lill-President Kennedy għalfejn kien qatlu?..... Xi hadd jista' jgħid b'ċertezza?..... Hadd ma jista' jgħid hlief min kien qabbad lill-assassin biex jisparalu! Ikun iblah min jiblagħha li l-assassin tal-mejjet President Kennedy ma kien qabbdu badd u li għamel dak li għamel bi spinta personali. M'ahniex tant boloh!

U dal-Palestinian li spara fuq is-Senatur Kennedy, spara fuq "għal pajjizu"?.....

Jista' jgħid l-kaz, għax kollox jista' jgħid, li bniedem ittih ferneżija u tagħmel wahda minn tiegħu. Irius shan iezistu u nies eċċentriċi wkoll imma biex wiehed lidhol fil-folla u..... jispara fuq persunaż ta' dik l-importanza..... aktar irid ikun hemm moħħ floku bi skop determinat quddiemu milli jrid ikun hemm moħħ żbilanċiat.

Raġunar bħal dan jindika li l-assassin ried ikun imqabbad minn haddiehor. Imqar iekk forsi kien ta' natura eċċentriku. Ngħidha kif iahi: Ma tantx

qeghdin nisimghu b'attentati simili minn imgienen u kull attentat li nisimghu bih, ikun sar bi skop determinat.

Dan l-aħhar qrajna ktieb gdid Amerikan "Imperial Agent" — "The Goleniewski-Romanov Case", u minnu rajna kemm huma effiċjenti s-servizzi sigrieti Amerikani.

Frattant dak li nistghu ngħidu hu li s-Servizzi Sigrieti Amerikani ma sabux x'kienet ir-raġuni li għaliha l-President Kennedy kien gie assassinat u forsi l-anqas isibu għaliex dal-Palestinian li ilu hdax-il sena fl-Amerika,..... wettaq attentat hekk barbaru. Forsi, jekk tinsab il-veru raġuni, l-iskandlu li tiehu d-dinja jkun akbar.



Z EWGT AHW A B'DESTIN WIEHED — L-ahwa Kennedy, Robert u John, it-tnejn idedikaw ruhhom sabiex jaġevolaw lill-poplu Amerikan mill-korruzzjoni u il-ingustizzji li jinsab mgħaddas fihom. It-Tnejn ħalfu li jagħtu hajjithom għal dan il-ghan u jahdmu biex il-paċi tirrenja fid-dinja. Izda l-poplu Amerikan, li jahseb li hu l-aktar poplu civilizzat, ma għarafx japprezza l-hidma sinciera ta' nies hekk nobbli. Forsi lanqas l-istess ahwa Kennedy — speċjalment meta kienu flimkien meta ttiehed dan ir-ritratt — qatt ma bassru l-hlas li se jmisshom għall-hidma tagħhom. Dejjem hasbu li se jibqgħu qrib xulxin izda qatt li jagħmlu dan permezz ta' tiri minn assassini differenti.



Waqt il-quddiesa 'de requie' ghal ruh is-Senatur R. Kennedy.

ROBERT KENNEDY MIDFUN- (BURIED)

DARLINGTON, Virginia, is-Sibt.

IS-SENATUR Robert Kennedy gie midfun il-lejla fic-cim-terju ta' Arlington hdejn huh, il-President John Kennedy li wkoll kien gie assassinat. It-tren, li ngieb fuqu t-tebut, kellu jnaqqas mill-mixi meta ghadha mill-ibiet, biex il-folol li kienu qeghdin jistennew setghu jaghtu l-ahhar tislमित taghhom.

It-tren telaq minn New York wara l-quddiesa 'de requiem' fil-Katidral ta' St Patrick. Fost l-2,300 mistednin biex jattendu kien hemm il-President Johnson u rappreżentanti minn aktar minn 50 pajjiż.

Qabel bdiet il-quddiesa, is-Senatur Edward Kennedy, l-ahhar wiehed mill-erba' ahwa Kennedy ghamel elogju. Hu qal li huh m'ghandux jiġi idolizzat f'mewtu aktar milli fil-fatt kien f'hajtu. Hu ghandu jiġi miftakar sempliciment bhala raġel tajjeb u diċenti li ra l-hażin u pprova jirrangah, li ra t-tbatija u pprova jwaqqafha u li ra l-gwerra u

pprova jtemmha.

Il-quddiesa giet icċelebrata minn sitt Kardinali, sitt Arcisq-fijiet, 18-il Isqof u 200 qassis.

151,000 ruh damu sitt sighet fil-kju qabel il-quddiesa biex ikunu jistghu jghaddu minn hdejn it-tebut.

Ethel Kennedy, l-armla tas-Senatur dahlet fil-katidral ftit qabel beda s-servizz, flimkien ma' hu żewġha, Ted. Maghha kien hemm erba' mit-tfal taghha Kathleen (16), Joseph P. (15), David (12) u Mary Courtney

(11). Robert Jr. ta' 14-il sena serva bhala abbat.

Fuq quddiem kien hemm ukoll Jacqueline Kennedy, li sfiat armila bl-istess mod ta' Ethel, flimkien maż-żewġ uliedha Caroline (11) u John Jr. (7).

F'nofs is-servizz il-hames ulied il-kbar ta' Robert Kennedy dahlu minn bieb privat tal-katidral u qaghd u bil-qeghda hdejn ommhom. Douglas Harriman Kennedy ta' sena, l-iżghar membru tal-familja, qaghad ftit hdejn it-tebut ta' missieru, imbaghad ittieded barra l-knisja minn nurse.

Omm Robert Kennedy ta' 77 sena kienet preżenti wkoll.

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ELIZABETH, New Jersey.

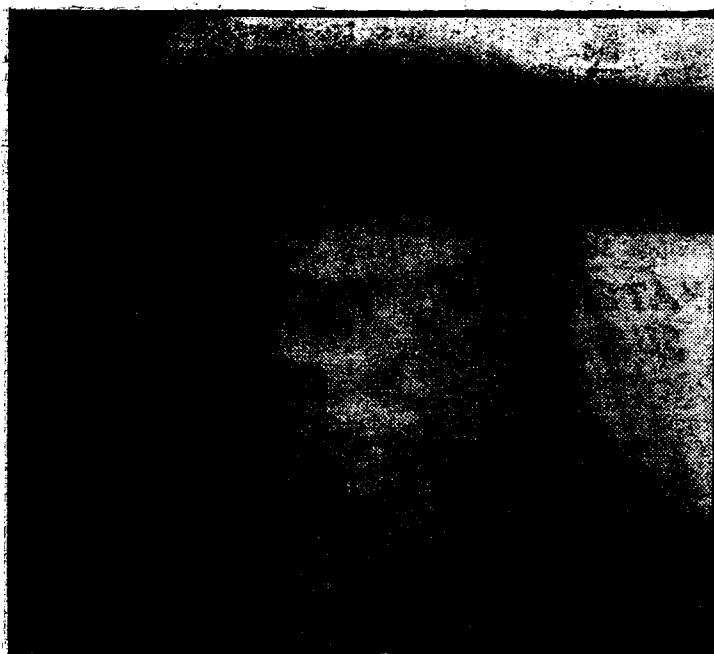
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A WIDOW'S GRIEF



America in deep mourning

(Reuters Service)

WASHINGTON, June 9:-

President Johnson and millions of ordinary citizens were united in deep mourning on this black Sunday as the American nation showed its anguish over the murder of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Thousands who could reach here made their solemn pilgrimage to the Senator's grave, on a sun-splashed hillside overlooking the capital, where he was laid to rest in the dark hours of last night.

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MOURNING FOR ROBERT KENNEDY

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Many more, of all creeds, races and colour, packed their local churches in cities, towns, villages and hamlets across the states on this national day of mourning.

By mid-morning some 20,000 pilgrims had already filed sadly past the dead Senator's grave, and as the day drew on a constant flow of men, women and children trod the path to Arlington Cemetery.

As they paid their final personal tributes to the murdered Robert, many paused again to look bitterly towards the grave of assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

Early today, the widowed Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, and her eldest son Joseph spent a long time near the grave.

'THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF ANGER'

MIKE stood in the corner of the common room, waving a butter knife, his toast getting cold. "There's going to be a lot of anger in Africa," he told us very matter-of-fact.

Why? Was he popular there? "Popular? In Africa Kennedy is the only name we know. His brother, John, was second only to Jesus."

Mike is a Negro from the Cameroons. He is a successful trade unionist, big and uncomplicated, good-natured and kind. But he is very aware of his black skin, because he knows what people whose skin is not white are regarded in so many parts of the world. Especially in America, the land of desecration and shame.

"We have no one to fight for our rights there, no

one." Mike's lament came from the heart.

For hours we had had a sort of shuttle service from the radio to the library. The news flashes were swiftly passed on. And then it came.

"He's dead, he is," with complete finality. There is nothing as final as death.

Plater College is smack in the Oxford green area, almost engulfed by trees, bushes and other greenery. Where birds provide a background of song to one's studies, distracting but mar-

vellous.

Perhaps it was the numbness which gripped me. But the birds were suddenly hushed at the news, and the sigh of the breeze through the grass and the leaves sounded pregnant with pain.

I did not particularly like Robert Kennedy. To me, he seemed too motivated by a thirst for power. But Mike did not think so. Neither did the Mexicans, the blacks and the white poor of America. To them he was a Messiah come to deliver them.

NOW he's dead. Senselessly slain by a bullet. As his brother was. As Martin Luther King was. As hundreds of other, unknown and therefore unsung, Americans have been in recent years.

A feeling of guilt now grips America. And so it should. And let us hope that it lingers, that it twists and turns in America's chest and gnaws at her people's conscience, till they demand — and get — the clean-up that is required.

Kismet cannot be denied. But fate is given too much help in the United States. Guns are so common, so available, and life is so cheap. "They not only have guns," I've just heard Mgr Iginio Cardinalé say on the radio. "They don't know how to use them." What was needed, said the Papal Nuncio to Britain, was a new moral awareness.

If Robert Kennedy's death brings this about, he may not have died in vain. But will it? Some control has been agreed to about the sales of arms. But arms can continue to be sold. Over 50 per cent of American households have a gun. An average of two people die of gun shots every hour.

Still the National Rifles Association remains mighty and strong. The Constitution continues to lay down the right of people to own arms. It does not matter that these are the 'sixties, that the day of the frontiersman passed long ago. That the casual access to guns today could result in a civil war tomorrow.

But it should matter. Robert Kennedy's assassination should be enough proof



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of that. But again, will it? Only Americans can tell. And their reply must not be seen in their hair-tearing this week, but in what they do in the months and years to come.

In the meantime, there's going to be a lot of anger. And not just in Africa.

① PRAYERS FOR SEN. KENNEDY BY US SAILORS

② AMB. SMYTHE ATTENDS REQUIEM MASS IN NEW YORK

Talb ghas-Senatur Kennedy

IL-BAHRIN tal-bastimenti tas-Sitt Flotta Amerikana li jinsabu Malta illum offrew talb speċjali ghal ruh is-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Dun Maurice Grech dal-ghodu ċelebra quddiesa ghall-bahrin u fizzjali Kattoliċi fuq il-bastiment tat-tiswija tas-Sitt Flotta USS Shenandoah.

Fuq l-istess vapur inżamm servizz ghall-Protestanti u servizz ta' tifikira ghal Kennedy u ghall-uffiċjali u bahrin tas-sottomarin 'USS Scorpion' li

ntilef dan l-ahhar.

Illum fl-Istati Uniti nżamm jum nazzjonali ta' luttu ghas-Senatur Robert Kennedy, maqtul minn tiri ta' assassin. Il-

bandieri kollha fuq bini pubbli-ku hawn Malta illum kienu mezz'asta bhala sinjal ta' rispett.

Il-vapuri Amerikani u vapuri oħra kellhom il-bandieri mezz'asta.

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L-AMBAXXATUR Amerikan f'Malta, Dr Hugh H. Smythe, illum wara nofs in-nhar wasal lura minn l-Istati Uniti ta' l-Amerika fejn attenda l-quddiesa 'de requiem' ghal ruh is-Senatur Robert Kennedy, li saret fil-Kattidral Kattoliku ta' St. Patrick fi New York.

Matul dawn il-gimghatejn li dam l-Amerika, Dr Smythe kellu diskussjonijiet u konsultazzjonijiet dwar Malta u għamel lecture f'wahda mill-Universitajiet ta' New York.



offrew talb ghal ruh Robert Kennedy.



THE CAMPAIGNING KENNEDYS — Senator and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy at a news conference in April following his announcement that he is a candidate for the Democratic Party's nomination as President of the United States.

Robert Kennedy on his way up

FOR a long time after the Dallas slaying of 1963 Robert Kennedy was a shaken man, and for months afterwards he moved about only mechanically. But slowly the old combativeness began to return — and Bobby, seventh of the nine Kennedy children, was the most combative of the clan.

"Bobby Kennedy", said Dave Powers, White House courier in Jack's time, "has to be first all the time." That goes for everything, from a game of touch football to managing his brother's Presidential race. When he played touch football his daughter Kathleen, now 16, would occasionally show up with her friends to cheer: "Clap your hands and stamp your feet, 'Cause Daddy's team can't be beat."

In the spring of 1964 when the first feelers were put out to him about the New York Senate race, Bobby seemed uninterested. "All things being equal," he said, "it would be better for a citizen of New York to run."

In fact, Bobby had set his sight on the Vice-Presidency. But he was kidding himself. For one thing he and Lyndon Johnson had always been able to restrain their enthusiasm for one another, and anyhow, Johnson who understandably wanted to be known for his own achievements, had pointedly advised longtime Kennedy aide Kenny O'Donnell only one month after Dallas: "I'll never have a Kennedy on the ticket."

Still Bobby pursued the mirage, until Lyndon finally scratched Kennedy from the

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sweepstakes in late July in that strange impulsive performance in which he simultaneously ruled out all Cabinet members and officials who met regularly with the Cabinet.

Crestfallen Bobby declared: "I don't think there is much future for me in this city now." Three weeks later he thought he glimpsed a bearable future in New York and he jumped into the Senate race. "If the Democratic Party could have agreed on any other candidate," he said, "I wouldn't have come in. But there wasn't any agreement."

Bobby's move provoked inevitable cries of "carpet-bagger". Despite his protests that he had spent more time in New York than anywhere else, Bobby was Massachusetts-born and -orientated, and a resident of Virginia besides. But he knew where the power was and he quickly lined up New York's Democratic bosses behind him, notably Buffalo's Peter Crotty, Brooklyn's Stanley Steingut, and Charley Buckley of The Bronx. New York's Mayor Robert Wagner, reluctantly,

also fell into line. Many Democrats recoiled.

"The political arm twisting has been the worst I've ever seen," said Utica's Richard H. Balch, onetime Democratic state chairman. Noting that Bobby's allies were running in three other states — Piere Salinger in California, Teddy Kennedy in Massachusetts, and Joseph Tydings, who was a US Attorney under Kennedy, in Maryland — with a total of 64 electoral votes among them on top of New York's 43, one Democrat cried: "It will be a United States of Kennedy."

Ruthless

In a meeting with Mayor Wagner, a group of reformers protested: "Bobby Kennedy is a ruthless, unprincipled, frighteningly ambitious young man who intends to use the New York State Democratic Party to launch his presidential ambitions."

Later 120 reformers, including playwright Gore Vidal, Niagara Falls Mayor E. Dent Lackey and actor Paul Newman established a committee to support his rival Keating. Bobby merely snapped: "These people hate everything and everybody, even each other."

In early September 1964, at a sweaty tumultuous Democratic convention in the musty 71st Regiment Armoury on Manhattan's lower Park Avenue, Kennedy steamrollered upstate Congressman Sam Stratton, his old rival, 968 to 153. He won the Liberal Party's endorsement the same day.

Aware that the Liberals delivered 406,000 votes to Jack Kennedy in 1960 — more than JFK's 380,000-vote statewide margin of victory — Bobby welcomed their support. The first days of his campaign were a wild triumphal march. He was swamped on Long Island's beaches by hundreds of thousands of Labour Day weekend bathers. In a three-day swing around the southern Tier he made 51 stops in 21 cities, got such an overwhelming reception that people began to talk about "poor old Ken".

In Watertown he outdrew Keating 45 to 1. In Ogdensburg where Keating spoke to a lonely knot of 24 listeners, Bobby drew 2,000.

In Jamestown, where GOP Vice-Presidential candidate Bill Miller had a crowd of 250, Bobby lured 4,000.

In Glens Falls, Bobby arrived just before 1 a.m., still found 4,000 people, more than one-fifth of the population waiting for him, many in nightclothes. "I still have problems in this state," said Bobby, "but at least I'm getting a hearing."

But was he? People were seeing him, but the crowds did more shouting than listening, and they were young crowds to boot. "If I had my way," Bobby told the teenagers who thronged him at every stop, "I'd lower the voting age to six — before the election."

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MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY PRAISED FOR HER COURAGE

MART ROBERT KENNEDY MFAHRA GHALL-KURAGĠ

(Reuter's Service)

L-PRESIDENT Johnson flimkien ma' miljuni ta' cittadini waħda, meta l-Amerka kienet f'jum ta' luttu ghas-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Eluf ta' nies marru f'Washington biex iżuru l-qabar tas-Senatur fejn gie midfun tard bil-lejl is-Sibt.

Hafna oħrajn, ta' kull twemmin, razza u lewn, il-bierah imlew il-knejjes lokali tagħhom fil-billet u rħula biex jistakru fil-ist-talib tagħhom f'dan il-ġum ta' luttu.

Filgħodu kmieni madwar 3.000 ruħ kienu ga għaddew siekta minn hdejn il-qabar tas-Senatur u aktar ma beda jghaddi l-hin in-nies aktar bdiet iżżid u kollha deħru sejjrin lejn it-Cimiterju ta' Arlington. Hafna minn dawk li żaru dan it-Cimiterju waqfu wisq għal ftit waqfiet qud-

diem il-qabar tal-President John F. Kennedy li jinsab midfun hdejn huw Robert.

L-armja, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy u binha l-kbiri Joseph li għandu 16-il sena, qagħdu għal hin it-Cimiterju jitolbu hdejn il-qabar. Mrs. Kennedy il-bierah giet imfahhra minn hafna għall-kuragġ li wriet matul it-Cerimonji funebri li sarru, l-aktar meta hi attendiet għal l-Quddiesa de Requiem li saret fil-Kattidral ta' San Patrizju f'New York, qabel ma sar il-funeral għad-

Washington.

l-bierah ingħaqdu f'soghba difna.

Minkejja s-swied ta' qalb li kejlha, hi stess talbet lil-Arcisqof Terence Cooke li l-Quddiesa aktar turt l-fert Nisrani u l-tama tat-twelid spiritwali mill-gdid milli d-dieqa tal-mewt. Minhabba f'hekk, il-bierah kullhad tallab fil-kwiet mingħajr l-ebda sinjal ta' vjolenza u l-milbegħda li deħmu wara l-qitil tal-mexxej tad-Drittijiet Civili ghas-Suwed, Dr. Martin Luther King, xahrejn hu.

Il-President Johnson il-bierah attenda għal servizz privat li sar fil-White House immedjat minn Rev. Billy Graham.



L-erba' nisa tal-ġenb jistghu jissejnu Romol tal-Vjolenza billi bħal mart Robert Kennedy kollha tilfu lil żwieghom b'balla ta' assassin. Mix-xellug jidhru Mrs. John F. Kennedy; Mrs. Kenneth Oswald Porter; Mrs. Medgar Evers u Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. Il-President Kennedy kien gie maqtul fit-22 ta' Novembru, 1963 f'Dallas, Texas; Lee Harvey Oswald gie maqtul jumejn wara f'Dallas ukoll; Evers miet fil-11 ta' Gunju, 1963 f'Jackson, Missouri u Dr. Martin Luther King gie maqtul fl-4 ta' April, 1968, f'Memphis, Tennessee.



Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, il-mara tas-Senatur Kennedy u omm għaxart itfal tidher flimkien mas-Senatur Edward Kennedy qed iħarsu f'silenzju profund lejn it-tebut ta' Robert.

JUM NAZZJONALI TA' LUTTU FL-AMERIKA

WASHINGTON, il-Hadd.

L-Istati Uniti l-hum osservaw Jum Nazzjonali ta' Luttu għall-qtil tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Il-Knejjes matu il-pajjiż qed jagħmlu servizzi speċjali fuq sejha tal-President L. Johnson li għamel sejha lill-Amerikani kollha biex jimxu flimkien f'sebh għid ta' għaqda ta' fejqan.

Il-Papa Pawlu VI hegġeg lil kulhadd biex jimxi wara l-idejali tat-tliet Amerikani maqtula, li huma l-President John

F. Kennedy, huh is-Senatur Robert Kennedy u Dr. Martin Luther King. Il-Papa, qal li l-assassinju ta' dawn it-tlieta għandu jwassal għal kundanna umana u nisranija tal-vjolenza u d-delitt.

Il-President Johnson il-bierah attenda għall-quddiesa li saret lis-Senatur Kennedy fil-Kattidraj ta' St. Patrick u mbagħad eluf ta' nies ta' kull lewn bid-dmugh f'għajnejhom raw għall-aħhar darba l-kata-vru tas-Senatur għaddej mit-triqat għaċ-Ċimiterju ta' Arlington fejn gie midfun f'qabar qrib dak ta' huh John Kennedy.

Niddeploraw il-Qtil THE MURDER IS DEPLORED

— DR. SMYTHE

LUQA, il-Hadd.

Dr. Hugh Smythe, l-Ambaxxatur Amerikan għal Malta, meta wasal iura mill-Istati Uniti wara iżara ta' hmis-tax-il jum hennhekk, qal li huma jiddeploraw il-qtil tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Hu tied il l-Amerika qed taħdem hafna biex tirkeb hwejġeg bħal dawn u hija determinata li tnaqqas

il-vjolenza kemm jista' jkun.

L-Amerika bhalissa għandha quddiema programm kbir u twil biex tkun tista' tiehu hsieb il-problemi interni li għandha.

L-Ambaxxatur Smythe qal li l-bierah hu kien preżenti għall-Quddiesa tal-Mejtin li saret lis-Senatur Kennedy fil-Kattidraj ta' St. Patrick.

L-Amerika u l-qtil ta' Robert Kennedy

minn LELI ZAMMIT

L-ahbar tragika tal-mewt tas-senatur Robert Kennedy xterdet nhar il-Hamis li għadda mad-dinja kollha. Hawn Malta, bhal f'pajjiżi ohra, ir-reazzjoni kienet wahda ta' mogħdrija lejn il-familja tas-senatur u ta' għadab lejn l-assassin.

Il-maktn hassew dik il-hasra lejn il-familja tal-Kennedys; l-aktar familja amerikana milquta minn disgrazzji u tragedji. Malli sar magħruf li Robert Kennedy gie midrub gravi b'tiri sparati f'rasu f'Los Angeles kullhadd ftakar fl-istess xorti li messet lil huh hames snin iħu, meta l-president John F. Kennedy kien inqatel b'tiri sparati minn assassin f'Dallas.

Ftit wara Robert Kennedy miet ukoll. Din hija mhux biss tragedja, imma hija kwazi haġa li ma titwem-minx kif żewġt ahwa. Li kienu qegħdin jippruvaw jaqdu lill-pajjiżhom, sfaw maqtulin b'tiri ta' assassini.

ROBERT KENNEDY u MARTIN LUTHER KING

L-assassinju tas-senatur Kennedy wasal xahrejn wara assassinju iehor; dak tal-mexxej tas-suwed Dr. Martin Luther King. Dawn iż-żewġ persunaggi kellhom haġa komuni għal xubin; kienu għallieda tad-drittijiet civili tas-suwed. Iżda l-avvenimenti fl-Amerika juru li dawk li jsemmgħu lehinhom favur is-suwed isibu ruħhom persegwitati, minaccjati jew maqtula. Robert Kennedy u Martin Luther King sfaw assassinati proprju fis-sena tad-drittijiet tal-bniedem.

L-Amerika huwa pajjiż marid, pajjiż ipparalizzat bil-biża' u minni indeċiżjonijiet. Il-vjolenza qiegħda tiddomina l-hajja amerikana u dan qiegħed ikollu riperkussjonijiet diżastrużi. Ma setgħax jonqos għalhekk li s-senatur Kennedy jisfa' vittima ta' att vjolenti bla sens. Mhux xi sorpriza li miet b'att ta' vjolenza, għaliex din saret parti mill-hajja ta' kuljum tan-nazzjon amerikana.

Il-mewġa ta' vjolenza u biża' ilha żmien taħkem l-Amerika. Xi haġa hażina hemm fis-sistema li biha miexi l-pajjiż. L-amerikani għadhom ma tghallmuhiex il-lezzjoni ta' l-assassinju ta'

Dallas. Huma għobbu jtkellmu, jsemmgħu u jiftaħru bid-demokrazzja, anzi jippretenduha li huma d-difensuri tagħha. Waqt li jtkellmu li jridu jiddefendu d-demokrazzja l-amerikani bl-għemil tagħhom qegħdin joqtluha. Kif jistgħu l-amerikani jtkellmu fuq id-demokrazzja meta ma jrazznux affarijiet li jeqirduha.

Per eżempju f'isem il-liberta' ta' l-istampa għallu jidhru artikoli li jkunu mimlijin mibegħda lejn nies li jippruvaw jagħmlu xi haġa għall-pajjiż. Proprju b'Mejju li għadda dehru artikoli horox mimlijin kliem iebes u mibegħda dwar il-hajja tas-senatur Robert Kennedy u l-familja tiegħu.

IZOMMU ARMI

BLA LICENZJA

Kontra dak li jgħri f'pajji ohra — xi whud minnhom civilizzati aktar mill-Amerika — in-nies fl-Amerika jthallaw jixtru u jblegħu armi mingħajr permess jew licenzja. Il-pajjiż iħallhom jagħmlu dan f'isem l-hekk imsejja "liberta".

Ftit jiem qabel mas-senatur Kennedy gie assassinat, huwa kien mar f'Oregon. Hemmhekk kellu laqgħa qawwiya minn folla ta' nies, iżda din id-darba ma kinux favuru, imma kontrih. Billi kienu jafu li s-senatur kien qiegħed jappogga moħsa tas-senat li tintroduci r-registrazzjoni ta' l-armi, huma haduha kontrih u bdew jisfidawh.

Is-senatur Kennedy kellimhom fuq il-vjolenza u l-qtil bla sens li qiegħed ikun

hemm ma' l-Amerika kollha. Wera l-opinjoni li dawn l-affarijiet jonqsu jekk ikun hemm kontroll ta' dawn l-armi tan-nar.

Ir-reazzjoni tal-folla kienet li bdew ighajjruh li jrid isir Hitler iehor. Mara mill-folla għajtet li huma jzommu l-armi tagħhom u jzommu wkoll id-demokrazzja.

Din hija l-mentalita' ta' xi whud mill-amerikani! Il-pajjiż huwa marid serjament. Is-sistema li miexi biha hija hażina u perikoluza. Min huwa b'saħħtu qiegħed ikompli jsir b'saħħtu u l-fqir qiegħed dejjem jiftaqar. Barra minhekk fil-pajjiż qegħdin jiġu ammessi affarijiet li jeqirdu kull demokrazzja u liberta'.

Kif diga' għedt is-senatur amerikan qiegħed iressaq forma ta' ligi biex l-armi jibdeu jiġu rreġistrati. Is-senatur Kennedy kkritika hafna dan l-abbozz ta' ligi u qal li mhux qawwi biżżejjed. Riedu jkun aktar qawwi biex ikun effettiv.

Is-senatur Kennedy kien għadu jiftakar dak li għadda minn huh John f'Dallas. Kien jaf ukoll li l-istess xorti tista' tmiss lilu billi kien it-target ta' nies fanatiċi. Minkejja li kien jaf dan kollu, Robert kien kuraggjuż u ma kienx irid prekawzjonijiet ta' sigurta' għalih. Kien jafda wisq fin-nies.

Robert Kennedy issa messitu l-istess storja ta' huh. Bhalu ngatel minn tiri biex miet martri halli jiddefendi l-hajja publika amerikana. Miet biex jara l-ligi publika tigi pprattikata u mhux il-ligi tar-revolvers u l-armi l-ohra.

Ieħen is-sewwa

It-Tlieta, 11 ta' Ġunju, 1968

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Il-Papa bagħat rappreżentant personali għall-Funeral ta' Kennedy

Fil-funeral solenni li sar nhar is-Sibt fil-Kattidral Kattoliku ta' New York il-Papa kien rappreżentat mill-Kardinal Angelo dell'Acqua, Vigarju Generali għall-Belt ta' Ruma. Il-Papa kien diġa' iċċelebra quddiesa b'suffraġju għal ruħ Robert Kennedy malli sema' bil-mewt tiegħu, u kien bagħat telegramm lill-President Johnson u lis-Sinjura Kennedy.

Il-Kard. Dell'Acqua kellu nhar is-Sibt jibda vjaġġ għall-Istati Uniti, Kanada u Ingilterra. Fuq tal-oa tal-Pa-

pa, il-Kard. Dell'Acqua ħalla Ruma gurnata qabel, il-Ġimgħa, biex jista' jkun preżenti għall-funeral ta' Kennedy fil-Kattidral ta' St. Patrick fi New York bħala rappreżentant tal-Qdusija Tiegħu.

Qabel ma telaq minn Ruma, il-Kardinal Dell'Acqua għamel dikjarazzjoni lill-gurnalisti li qallhom li kellu l-inkarigu mill-Papa li jirrappreżentah fil-funerali tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Hu kien kommoß ħafna għall-inkarigu mogħti lilu f'din iċċirkostanza doloruża għaliex huwa stess (il-Kardinal) kien ħabib personali ta' missier Kennedy meta dan kien Ambaxxatur ta' l-Istati Uniti f'Londra. Il-Kardinal Dell'Acqua fakkar kemm rispett u mħabba kellu Robert Kennedy lejn il-Papa Pawlu VI. Fost affarijiet oħra Robert kien taha l-karrozza personali tiegħu lill-Papa għaž-żmien kollu li Pawlu VI dam fi New York meta l-Papa kien mar jagħmel iż-

żjara storika tiegħu fil-Palazz tal-Ġnus Magħquda.

IT-TELEGRAMM TAL-PAPA

Malli kien sema' bil-mewt ta' Robert Kennedy, il-Papa kien bagħat telegramm ta' kondoljanzi lill - President Johnson u iehor lil Mrs. Robert Kennedy. It-telegramm tal-Papa lis-sinjura Kennedy, mibgħut permezz tal-Kardinal McIntyre, Arċisqof ta' Los Angeles, kien iġħid hekk:

"Waqt li nassigurawk minn simpatija profonda tagħna f'din it-telfa tragika tiegħek, noffru minn qalbna tal-o b'suffraġju tar-ruħ tal-maħbub żewġek; u nibagħtu lilek u lil uliedek u lill-membri kollha tal-familja, bħala rahan ta' qawwa u konso-lazzjoni divina, il-Barka Apostolika tagħna ta' Missier."

QUDDIESA F'RUMA

Nhar is-Sibt, fil-ħdax ta' filgħodu, fil-knisja ta' Santa Susanna alle Terme, f'Ruma l-Arċisqof Mons. Martin O'Connor, Nunzju Apostoliku f'Malta, iċċelebra quddiesa b'suffraġju ta' Robert Kennedy, għan-nies ta' l-Ambaxxata ta' l-Istati Uniti u għall-Amerikani residenti f'Rumā.

'lehen is-sewwa' — it-tlieta, 11 ta' ġunju, 1968.

ROBERT KENNEDY ^{REF} IS NO LONGER WITH US M'GHADUX MAGHNA



Dawn l-erba' kelmiet bdejt niktibhom ftit sigħat wara li smajt l-aħbar tal-mewt tragika tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy. Ghalkemm illum li qed tidher din il-paġna forsi xbaġtu taqraw u tisingħu dwar din l-aħbar ta' swied il-qalb, ma stajtx inhalli barra din il-grajja kerha li hasdet lid-dinja kollha.

Dan l-incident reġa' hadna lura f'ames snin ilu meta ġie maqtul bl-istess mod fu s-Senatur Robert Kennedy — il-mibki President John Kennedy. Din mhix xi haġa ġdida fl-istorja ta' l-Amerika, għax jekk inqallbu l-kotba tal-kapijiet politiċi Amerikani, issib mhux wiehed u tnejn li għaddew mill-istess mewta tragika ta' dan is-Senatur li kien mimli heġġa u mħabba kbira lejn artu.

Smajna hafna dwaru — kliem ta' tiffir, ta' hasra, ta' mogħdrija. Toggħod taħseb ftit, tiskanta kif il-folja fil-ħajja tal-bniedem tista' tin-qaleb bħal lejl minn nhar. Filli qalb Robert Kennedy riedet ittir bil-ferħ għat-tamiet ġodda u sbieħ li nfirxu quddiemu, filli sab ruħu f'temp ta' ftit sekondi jiġġied bejn mewt u ħajja.

Kien għoddu laħaq il-quċ-

ċata tal-muntanja li tant kien ilu jiħabat biex jilħaq, meta donnu li f'daqqa waħda, riġlu marret fil-vojt u tgerbeb għal isfel — f'waqgħa li min-nha ma seta' jqum qatt aktar. Il-bniedem jipproponi u Alla jiddisponi — naħseb li dan li għadu kif ġara, huwa huwa eżempju ħaj ta' dan il-qawl.

Omm Robert Kennedy reġgħet għal darb'oħra sofriet dulur kbir b'din il-mewta tragika ta' binha. U xi ngħidu għal martu Ethel u għall-għaxar uliedu li sfaw bla missier f'esrem, hekk kiesaħ u bierred? Kapriċċ ta' bniedem wiehed qered il-ferħ u t-tama ta' bosta u bosta nies.

Min jaf x'kellu maħzun f'moħħu, Robert Kennedy? Mill-kliem li smajnih iġħid kellu bosta proġetti sbieħ xi jwettaq għall-ġid ta' pajjiżu u ta' dawki li jgħixu fih, l-aktar għall-foqra u għall-familji numerużi. Dawn it-tamiet issa spicċaw fix-xejn, htija tal-vjolenza, li reġgħet tat daqqa ta' ħarta kbira lill-ħajja politika Amerikana.

Tgħid din ser tkun l-aħħar tragedja ta' din l-għamla, f'dan il-pajjiż li huwa meqjus mill-aktar 'il quddiem fid-dinja?

Kennedy's trouble with the Jews

THE appeal which Bob Kennedy made to his teenage supporters at every stop in his 1964 New York Senate campaign was described by his opponent Keating as a "blatant emotional appeal to screamers and jumpers". Former Attorney General Herbert Brownell, who steered Tom Dewey to prominence and helped catapult General Eisenhower into the Presidency, disliked it so much that he emerged from seven years of political retirement to run Keating's campaign.

"This thing got me sore," he said. "If Kennedy is elected it will establish that a rich man can come in, make a deal with bosses, and change our whole constitutional system. This is outrageous." Which of course it was not, for Keating and his men were working equally patiently on other groups: the racial and religious minority groups that made a majority of New York's votes.

No state in fact has quite the complicated ethnic mix that New York has, and Ken Keating, with 18 years of experience, knew almost instinctively what each of the groups wanted.

One popular sign for example proudly asserted that "Keating and Israel go together like bagels and lox". But Bob Kennedy no. In that same district he spurned the ethnic diet, chose melon, split-pea soup and chocolate milk.

In lower Manhattan's "Little Italy" he asked for a fork when someone offered him a slice of pizza. "You don't need a fork," he was gently advised.

TO HIS dismay in fact Kennedy found himself running poorly among New York's 2,500,000 Jews, who gave nearly 90 per cent of their votes to his brother in 1960, and its 1,500,000 Italians.

formula

Keating's managers talked of getting half of the Jewish vote, two-fifths of the Italian vote — and that, combined with normal GOP majorities upstate and in the suburbs would be a winning formula.

Kennedy's troubles with the Jews stemmed from the days when his father Joseph Kennedy, while Ambassador to Britain, delivered too-vigorous warnings against going to war with Nazi Germany and a too-gentle appraisal of Hitler.

Jack overcame their distrust, but Bobby seemed more like his father's son. And Bobby's onetime association with Senator Joseph McCarthy's investigation com-



The primaries started rolling: New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Indiana..... California..... and then.....

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mittee and his seeming indifference to the fine points of civil liberties aroused further suspicions.

Playing on these suspicions his opponents charged that Attorney General Bob Kennedy had made a 'deal' to sell off part of the Government-held General Aniline and Film Corp.'s assets to a Swiss holding company that was once run by Germany's I.G. Farben, a notorious exploiter of Jewish slave labour.

Keating had proposed selling the assets — some \$200 million worth — exclusively to US interests, but in actual fact he made no protest when the deal was announced in 1963.

Jewish liberals now began channelling their contributions to the Johnson-Humphrey and the Keating campaigns, shutting Bobby out. Naturally Bob had to dig deep into his own \$10 million fortune to the tune of some \$1,500,000. Among the Italian-Americans Keating made inroads by playing on their resentment of the Justice Department's Valachi hearings in which lurid tales of hoodlums with Italian names were told to the American public.

The Greek vote was also nailed down by condemning Turkey's actions in Cyprus. There were at that time only 31,000 Turks in New York, but there also were some 77,000 Greeks.

DESPITE all this concerted effort against him Bob Kennedy however still stood high with other ethnic groups: the Germans (some 675,000 in New York), the Irish (492,000) and the Poles (685,000). As is well known, and as has been repeatedly mentioned during these last days, he also paid particular attention to the state's 2,000,000 Negroes and Puerto Ricans, traditionally Democratic and overwhelmingly anti-Goldwater.

"I do not campaign in search of a Jewish vote or a Catholic vote or a Negro vote," said Bob. But there he was wearing a skullcap for a chat with a Rabbi, there he was at Grossinger's assuring an audience that his father, in his Hollywood days, had been so impressed at how Jewish moviemakers like the Warner Brothers and Samuel Goldwyn raised their children that he had decided to bring his own up the same way.

suspicion

During that 1964 campaign there had also been a lingering suspicion that Bob Kennedy hoped to use the New York Senate seat only as a springboard to the White House someday. It is well known how he denied this without actually slamming the door. At that stage in his career Bob Kennedy still saw Johnson around after the forthcoming Presidential elections and he did in fact speak in terms of 1972, rather than 1968. Things of course changed fast, very fast.

Vietnam became hotter and hotter; so did civil rights, the dollar, inflation and what not. Came 1968 and the primaries started rolling: New Hampshire Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Indiana..... California..... and then.....

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Robert Kennedy model father

VALLETTA, Monday.

THE Cana Movement has chosen Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who was assassinated last week, as the symbol and model father for this year's Father's Day which is being celebrated next Sunday.

The aims of the day are to honour fathers, to make the fathers' mission in the family known, to make children understand that they should respect their fathers and to make fathers recognise their responsibility and their share in the children's education.

The movement is holding two competitions for the occasion. One for children under 12

years of age and the other for children in the 12-14 age group.

Competitors are to submit an essay, the theme of which is "The Father". Entries should reach the movement's offices not later than June 30. The results are to be announced in early July.

Father's Day started to be celebrated in Malta in 1965.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES

The following telegram of condolences has been sent in the name of the President and members of the Malta Chamber of Commerce to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy:

"President and members of the Malta Chamber of Commerce have been greatly shocked at the dastardly crime and wish to convey their deepest and most heartfelt sympathy on your tragic loss."

The cable is signed by Mr. Victor Salomone, the Acting President of the Chamber of Commerce.

CONDOLENCES

VALLETTA, Monday. — A telegram of condolences was sent last week to Mrs Ethel Kennedy, widow of the assassinated Senator Robert F. Kennedy, by the Malta Chamber of Commerce. The message said: "President and members Malta Chamber of Commerce greatly shocked at the dastardly crime and wish to convey deepest and most heartfelt sympathy on your tragic loss." The message was sent over the signature of president Victor Salomone.

PAUL CARACHI, M.P.

KIF NAHSIBHA

LASTAMPA, it-Television u r-Radiju f'dawn il-granet imlew kull rokna tad-dinja b'dulluvju ta' abbatijiet, kummenti, diskorsi, eċċ., dwar il-qtil bestjali tas-Senatur Robert Kennedy, it-tielet mexxej kbir Amerikan li gie assassinat f'dawn l-ahhar James snin. Ghalhekk inhosu kollu żejjed li nżid ma' dak li diġa' ntqal jekk mhux b'le, fl-isfond ta' din il-grajja tal-wahx, inhares 'il gewwa lejn gżirtna ċkejkna mghammra b'poplu li jrid iġhix fil-paċi u fil-liberta'.

Ghall-grazzja t'Alla, il-poplu taghna sal-lum gie mehlus milli jsufri l-biza', is-swied il-qalb u l-umiljazzjoni bhal ma gew imġiegħla jgarrbu l-miljuni ta' Amerikani — bojod u suwed — f'dawn l-ahhar granet, mill-esperjenza tal-qtil ta' Robert Kennedy. Izda dan ma jfissirx 'li dak li gara fl-Amerika ma jistax jigri fi gżirtna. Bhall-poplu Malti, il-poplu Amerikan, ukoll fil-maġġuranza kbira tiegħu jhobb il-paċi u l-liberta'. Imma gara li dak li ma stennewx f'mitt sena, garrbuh għal tliet darbiet fi żmien hekk qasir ta' James snin.



Hawn Malta m'ghandniex il-liberta' esagerata li qed ihallsu qares għaliha l-Amerikani, jigifieri li kulhadd jista' jaqbad u jixtri amma minghajr ebda kontroll ta' xejn, hi x'in hi l-kondotta tiegħek, bir-riżultat ta' disat elef omiċidju fis-sena. Għalkemm dan ix-xiri u bejgħ ta' armi bl-addoċċ iġhin ferm it-twettiq ta' delitt, b'danakollu l-kawża prinċipali tinstab fil-passjonijiet mhux imrażżna li jinbtu u jikbru fil-bnedmin; minn ta' quddiem fost dawn il-passjonijiet hemm l-ghira, il-mibegħda, ir-rghiba għall-poter u għall-flus.

Xejn inqas minn popli ohra, il-poplu Malti wkoll għandu fih dawn ix-xorta ta' passjonijiet li jridu jigu mghassa kontinwament, kemm il-darba ahna ma rridux ngħaddu mill-kalvarju li mhux biss l-Amerika, imma bosta pajjiżi ohra għaddew jew jinsabu għaddejjin minnu b'dannu kbir għall-istess paċi, liberta' u progress tagħhom infushom u b'dannu ta' popli ohra.

IT-TRAGEDJA ta' Robert Kennedy, flimkien ma' glied u dizzordnijiet f'pajjiżi mbiegħda u fil-qrib madwarna, għandhom iservu biex nibzghu għal u ngożžu l-valuri umani u spiritwali tan-nazzjon taghna daqs qatt qabel.

F'socjeta' demokratika bhal ma hi taghna, minkejja d-difetti kbar li jista' jkollha — fid-dinja xejn mhu perfett — kull wiehied u wahda minna għandna l-obbligu kbir u għali li nsewvinha b'mod li nqiegħid u mhux infixxlu t-tgħiddim ta' din iddemokratika. Il-formola hija sempliċi: dak li tixtieq lillek, tixiequ lil għajrek; dak li ma tixtieqx lillek, tippurax tagħnilu lil għajrak. Dan huwa s-sigriet ta' kull paċi, liberta' u progress f'pajjiż.

Għal dan il-ghan hadem il-habib tal-fqar u s-suwed Robert Kennedy, u meta wasal biex jibda jwettqu l-mostri tal-vgolenza mill-gdid għolla rasu u hasdu bhalma għamel lil-huh John, u lil Luther King. Dawn it-tragedji li mhux biss ibezżgħu u jnikklatu, imma jikkonfondu l-imhuh ta' min iġhix fid-dubju donnhom, jigru biex mix-xokk tagħhom iġibuna f'sensina halli meqfu u naħsbu fidinja li donnu m'għadx baqgħalha żmien tiegħi u taħseb biex is-salva liha nifsiha.

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Plakka tifikira għal Bobby

Bobby Kennedy kien maħbub bħal hu John. U t-tragedja tal-familja Kennedy m'hix tragedja ta' familja iżda waħda li minnha tbat i-umanità kollha, imma speċjalment dawk il-bnedmin li għalihom il-valuri ta' haġja familjari, integrità politika, dedikazzjoni għall-pajjiż, u reliġjożità huma miżmuma b'mod l-aktar għoli. Għalhekk pajjiżna baqa' imkexkex mill-mewt ta' Robert Kennedy.

B'xorti tajba pajjiżna waqqaf tifikira denja għall-mejjet president John Kennedy. Naħseb li tkun ideja sublimi jekk f'dan il-post kwiet u memorabbli, issir lapida dinjituża li tfakkar l-assassinju ta' hu l-President. Tkun haġa li minbarra li tibqa' memorja għal quddiem tinnobilita lil pajjiżna għax turi s-sentimenti għoljin tiegħu.

Nixtieq ukoll nissuggerixxi lill-Ambaxxata Amerikana f'Malta li torganizza quddies De Requie għal ruħ il-mejjet ~~senatur~~. Hafna minna Maltin kienu qed isegwu b'ansjetà il-kampanja elettorali tal-mejjet Robert Kennedy u kienu jaraw fih tama għdida għall-Amerika u għad-diviżjonijiet li hemm fiha. It-talb tagħna għal ruħu minbarra li jkun ta' konfort spiritwali għalih, iservu biex iqanqlu lil Alla biex iħenn għal dan il-pajjiż hekk kbir fit-tjubija ta' nies li jipproduċi, u hekk imtertaq mit-tragedji ta' grajjiet tal-biki.



A NOBLE LEADER

"A noble and compassionate leader, a good and faithful servant of the people, in the full vigour of his promise, lies dead from an assassin's bullet.

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

LYNDON B. JOHNSON



The casket containing the body of Senator R. Kennedy is carried into St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on Saturday. Among the pallbearers are two of the slain Senator's sons, Joseph (centre) and Robert Jr (left), and his brother Senator Edward M. Kennedy (between Joseph and Robert Jr).

Senator Kennedy's body was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, only a few yards away from the grave of his assassinated brother, President John F. Kennedy.



Looking down at the casket containing the body of Senator Kennedy are Senator Edward Kennedy, and next to him Mrs Robert F. Kennedy and an unidentified sister of the dead Senator, at Los Angeles Airport on Thursday. The casket was being lifted into a Presidential jetliner for its flight to New York.



Frank Mankiewicz reads the statement announcing that Senator Robert F. Kennedy (42) had died



Leaving St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, following a private service for the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy are (left to right) the Senator's brother, Senator Edward Kennedy, his widow Ethel and his oldest son, Joseph at extreme right. In the background is Mrs Rose Kennedy, the gunned-down Senator's mother.

THEY SHOT AT KENNEDY *Sparaw għal Kennedy*

Santa Luċija.

Sur Editur,

Wiehed mill-posters tal-gurnali Maltin, kien iġib dan il-kliem hawn fuq imsemmi. Wara li qrajt dawn il-kelmtajn, bdejt ingħid f'qalbi: "Għaliex sparaw għal Robert Kennedy u mhux għal xi haddiehor li qed jagħmel hsara lill-umanita"? Forsi Bob ma kellux ideat umanitarji? Forsi dawn l-ideat jisthoq-qilhom dan kollu? Min seta' kien hemm wara l-kwinti?" Dawn l-affarijiet, kollha għaddewli minn mohhi hekk kif qrajt dan il-poster.

Dawn il-mistoqsijiet hawn fuq imsemmija, malajr ġew imwiegħba minn xi hbieb tiegħi, kemm haddiema, ukoll profes-sjonisti.

Min seta' kien hemm wara l-kwinti? Forsi dak li spara? Forsi kieku Bobby Kennedy, li kieku sar President, din il-persuna ma kienx igawdi bħalma kienet sejra tgawdi l-umanita'? Mela min kien sejjer ibati b'dawn il-hwejjeg? Hawn qiegħed il-qofol ta' l-argument.

Fid-dinja dejjem hekk ġara; kull min ikollu ideat umanitarji, dejjem sab ċertu tfixkil. Għaliex? Għaliex fid-dinja jinsabu nies li dejjem riedu jgħixu bl-injuranza tal-poplu. Dawn dejjem ffixklu lil dawk li riedu jagħmlu l-gid.

Minn dawn l-erba' kelmiet, wiehed għandu jahseb min kien nu dawk in-nies wara l-kwinti

għal dan il-qtil ta' Bobby Kennedy.

Issa niġu għall-pajjiżi katto-liċi u naraw x'jista' jsir bit-tix-wix..... Fejn hemm dawk il-pajjiżi li huma katto-liċi mija fil-mija, m'għandix nahseb li jista' jsir dan, jiġifieri qtil, iżda jista' jsir qtil xort'ohra, jiġifieri li lil dak li jkun joqtluh MORAL-MENT.

Kemm sar qtil fid-dinja ta' din ix-xorta? Kemm nies ġew irrovinati b'ċertu tixwix? Kemm hsara saret fid-dinja minn dawn in-nies egoisti li-biex igħixu minn fuq l-injuranza..... qerdu nies li kieku kellhom il-hakma f'idejhom, kienu jagħmlu gid bosta lill-umanita'?

Bobby Kennedy miet, iżda bil-mewt tiegħu kemm l-Amerika wkoll id-dinja hadet tagħli-ma li biha sejra tgawdi l-umanita'. Isem Bobby Kennedy, nahseb li sejjer jibqa' jissemma għall-gejjieni li ta haġtu għall-umanita'.

GEORGE PACE.

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L-Erbgha, 12 ta' Gunju, 1968

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Mrs. Rose Kennedy — wahedha. (ALONE)